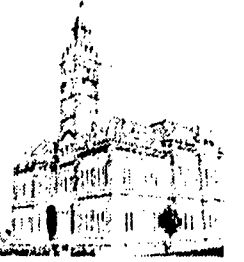




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Water bond approved by wide margin

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

The expansion of the Maryville water plant will become a reality following Tuesday's election.

The vote was passed by a considerable margin of 727 votes. The city can move to the next step of the project.

"We are in a situation whereby we can have water and pressure for the areas of the city, some which have had really serious pressure problems," City Councilman George English said.

Financing the bond will be the Council's next order of business. The city is pleased with the bond, and there was a great deal of support for it, Mayor Bridget Brown said.

"It (the passing) fits the nature of the community," Brown said. "It moves toward the growth and development of the city."

City councilmen English and Dale Mathes were also re-elected Tuesday.

English hopes the Council will accomplish the area of infrastructure of the city within the next three years.

"The fundamental problems of this city are

involved with the superstructure of the city — the water, the sewers and the streets," English said. "Our recreation of course is well underway and those types of things to me are very important, so we will have to zero in on that. There is also the development of the library that is taking place, and that is one of the things that the city is going to look at very carefully."

Mathes is serving his fourth term on the Council. He hopes the next three years key in on the Mozingo 10-year plan and the infrastructure within the city limits.

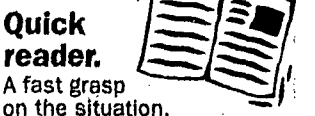
"We need to look very closely at that (infra-

structure)," Mathes said. "The streets, the asphalt streets, the permanent streets — anywhere you turn in this city you will have to look at streets."

The issues of constitutional Amendments 3 and 4 and the election of School Board members were both passed as well.

Amendment 3 passed in Nodaway County as well as Missouri. With the passage of the amendment, which has a levy set at \$4.95 for the Kansas City School district, will remain the same.

Amendment 4 of the Missouri Constitution



Quick reader.
A fast grasp on the situation.

Who was elected?
George English and Dale Mathes to City Council; Robert Martin and John Redden to the School Board.

What else passed?
The water plant bond and Amendments 3 and 4.

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Changes mark move of offices

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

Various offices in the Student Union will be relocated when the renovations begin in early June.

Student Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Campus Activities, Residential Life, ARAMARK and seven student organizations such as Student Senate starting May 18 will move to the second floor of the Thompson-Ringold Building.

The Bearcat Bookstore will be relocated to the former Student Health Services in North Complex.

Although most ARAMARK offices will move, the manager's office will stay in the Union for immediate access to dining services.

The moving of offices and the Bookstore is scheduled to be completed by June 1 to prepare for the summer sessions, said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs.

The new offices' locations will be in place for the next two years until the Union's renovations are completed. However, this plan could be shortened to one year, Hetzler said.

"There is a slight possibility we could move back after year one," Hetzler said. "It's just depending on the progress of the building and other needs."

Possible Garrett-Strong renovations will also impact whether offices can move back to the Union earlier, Hetzler said.

"If (Garrett-Strong) renovations start before the Union is completed, then the faculty in the Garrett-Strong may need a place to move," he said.

The offices in the Thompson-Ringold Building may not be as convenient as the current ones. The offices will be made by breaking a room into two or more. They will not have a complete wall, Hetzler said.

"We know it's somewhat disruptive," Hetzler said. "But we are trying to minimize the disruption."

The disruption is inevitable, however, Hetzler is excited to see the new Union and believes it will merit from the renovations.

Rub-a-dub-dub



Josh Wall of Alpha Gamma Rho, sings to his rubber ducky during the Zeus and Hera pageant contest Tuesday night. After the competition, Wall was crowned Zeus and Jenny Boatright of Sigma Kappa was crowned Hera. Greek Week will be April 20 through April 26.

Amy Roh/
Staff Photography

Maryville native plays vital role in United States history

We Are Maryville



■ **Deputy Administrator dedicates life to military**

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

A former Maryville resident will play a large role in a major transition of authority in Panama at the end of next year.

Joseph Cornelison, who is currently the deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, oversees day-to-day operations and administration of the canal.

He will help turn the canal over to Panama at noon Dec. 31, 1999, after being under the watchful eye of the United States for 85 years.

The 51-mile waterway was built by the Americans and opened in 1914. The canal, which operates with about 9,000 employees and a budget of \$700 million a year, has roughly 13,500 ships pass through annually carrying about 200 million tons of cargo.

A successful military career and

caring family connected Cornelison to the Panama Canal and his place in history.

Cornelison credits much of his success to his close-knit family. His parents, Dan and Mary Alice Cornelison, still live in Maryville, and he has two older brothers.

"My parents have been wonderful role models in their unconditional love and support," Cornelison said.

Cornelison's parents helped him develop discipline, a strong work ethic, morals and a Christian faith.

He also recalls football games with his brothers and neighborhood kids. "Instead of telling me I couldn't play because I was too young, they always let me get in there, but I had to carry my own," Cornelison said. "That helped me learn to mature and think for myself."

After all, family ties have added a historical significance to Cornelison

"So for both of us to have a family connection ... at the beginning of the canal's history, and now to be back as the U.S. senior representative during the closeout, kind of gives an extra sense of personal satisfaction."

■ **Joseph Cornelison, deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission**

duties.

Cornelison's wife's grandfather was one of the founding fathers of Panama. He was interim governor

when Panama gained independence from Columbia and he was a signer of the Panama Constitution. He was also among the dignitaries on the ship that made the first transit across the canal.

Cornelison himself has an ancestor that was one of the senior engineers and helped to build the canal.

"So for both of us to have a family connection that was there at the beginning of the canal's history, and now to be back as the U.S. senior representative during the closeout, kind of gives an extra sense of personal satisfaction," Cornelison said.

Cornelison graduated from Maryville High School in 1965, where he was very active in school activities and athletics.

"I was doing well and had a wonderful family, but at that time was not



Former Maryville resident Joseph Cornelison is the deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

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Q&A President, provost address questions about hiring of alleged sexual harasser

The following are excerpts from an interview with University President Dean Hubbard and Provost Tim Gilmour one week after Michael Simonson withdrew his name.



■ **Dean Hubbard**



■ **Tim Gilmour**

by Jacob DiPietre
University News Editor

Michael Simonson withdrew his name from contention as the director of the Center for the Application of Information Technology and Learning because of media awareness and coverage of sexual harassment allegations.

Simonson is facing allegations of violating university policy, creating a hostile work environment, offensive conduct and sexual harassment at Iowa State University.

Q: Why was the University community not informed about the allegations surrounding Simonson?

A: Hubbard: "I would never take everything that is said and just put it out. You have

to exercise some judgment about what you put out. People don't have a right to know gossip and innuendo."

Gilmour: "The search committee, Hubbard and I and the Board, were aware of the basic facts in the case. But, when you are dealing with personnel cases like this, you deal with issues you think need to be addressed in order to make the decision. It is not something you broadcast to the world."

Q: What do you take into consideration when revealing allegations to the public?

A: Hubbard: "I mean, suppose you find out someone went bankrupt, would you tell that to the entire community so it would influence their ability to buy a house, buy a car? That is not a matter of covering up, that is a matter of

treating people the way they want to be treated. An allegation is never serious enough that any Joe Blow on the street has a compelling reason to know."

Gilmour: "The other thing we have to remember here is all of us have rights. Individuals in this position have the right to have things like this shared only with people making the critical personnel decisions."

Q: Are you worried similar allegations could occur at Northwest?

A: Hubbard: "I still believe that people are innocent until proven guilty. Normally, that level of position would not even go to the Board. We took it to the Board because of the allegations."

Gilmour: "We've gone through all the al-

legations with a fine tooth comb. What we understand from his attorney, and some other sessions that we have had with Dr. Simonson, is there is not much foundation to these allegations. We felt when we went through it, there was every possibility that he would be found not guilty of these allegations. We did have some insurance in terms of what we would do if such behavior would manifest itself here."

Q: Why do these allegations not warrant public knowledge?

A: Hubbard: "When you hear an allegation, how do you know what kind of weight to assign to it? It is a judgment call you know. One of the things that raised our comfort level is we didn't discover it and confront him with it. The first time he interviewed, he put it on the table."

My Turn

Revelations regarding parenthood

A couple weeks ago, the McCaughey family, who had septuplets last December, were able to take their last two babies home from the hospital.



■ Jamie Hatz

I cannot imagine having seven babies, let alone all at once. I used to think having seven babies was nothing.

Poop-infested child causes nightmare

But after an eye-opening experience this summer, I learned there is a lot more to being a parent than holding a cute baby.

I was staying with my aunt, uncle and their 20-month-old precious gift, Luke, when I had this revelation about parenting.

Luke lost the title of precious gift one evening when I donated my babysitting services.

The night began with Luke and I cruising down the road singing with Barney (note: parents no longer listen to the radio) when I noticed an unpleasant smell lurking from the back seat.

My eye caught a vision of this wide-eyed bouncing baby boy playing with his poopy (baby talk) in the rear-view mirror. The precious gift had not just dirtied his diaper but left an explosion similar to World War II covering the entire back seat and car seat.

I completely lost it. While Luke giggled and cooed with his new "toy," I made an illegal U-turn and sped my way home. The smell was unbearable and literally brought tears to my eyes.

I rolled down all the windows and increased my acceleration to about 70 mph. I did not care if the police pulled me over. Once an officer saw the back seat, he would have to understand such an emergency. I entered the neighborhood, squealed into the driveway and jumped out of the car and slammed the door shut.

I had made it, and I was still breathing. The smell of fresh, nontoxic air never smelled so clean and wonderful in my whole life. As I was enjoying my freedom from the poop situation, I realized I had left Luke in the back seat.

I ran to the back seat window in a complete panic to find him still fascinated with his creation.

This bought me some time as I brainstormed about my next move on the battlefield of parenthood. My initial thought was to just leave him in the car and wait for my aunt and uncle to come home — I mean, it was their kid.

The idea was thrown out since it bordered on the lines of child abuse. I then realized I was the only one to save Luke from the fiery land of poo-pop. I placed my hand on the handle and inhaled what I believed to be my last breath of fresh air.

I looked like a complete idiot as I held Luke by the underarms and about five feet from my body. What was I going to do with a 20-month-old poop-infested child?

With the help of a garden hose and a clothes pin, I managed to clean Luke off and get him ready for bed. I sat down on the couch in complete exhaustion thanking God that this episode was over when I realized I still had to clean the back seat of the car.

When my aunt and uncle arrived home, they asked me how the night had gone. I simply smiled and said he was an angel, as I mumbled something about never having children. I was not very talkative — the evening simply wore me out.

I suddenly had an urge to call my parents and thank them for always cleaning up after me.

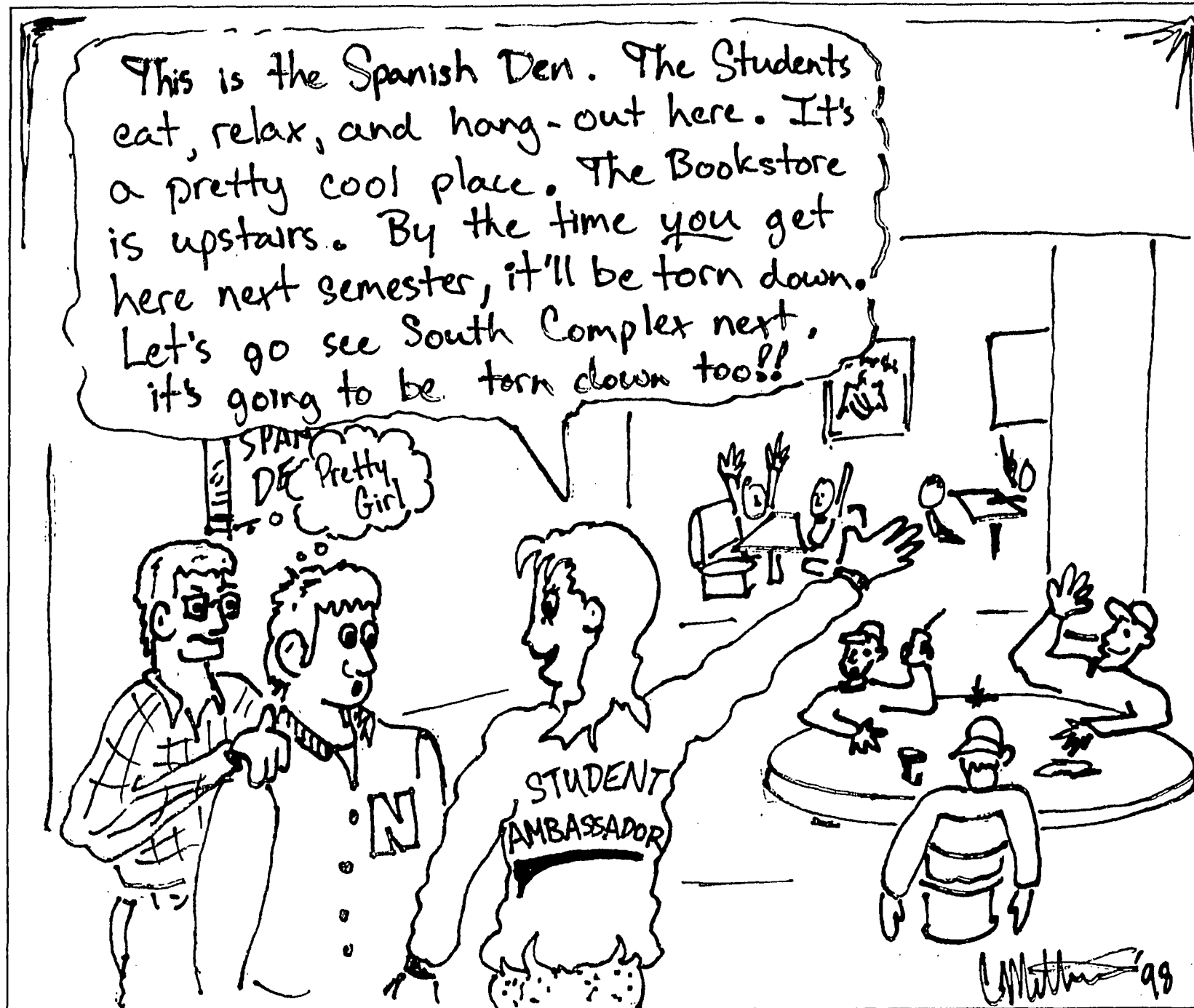
Children never truly comprehended the intense job description parents have outlined for them.

I gained an immense amount of respect for parents everywhere in the world, especially mine. Parents have the toughest jobs in the world with outrageous hours, insane requirements and the pay is almost nothing — yet, it can be the most rewarding job in the world.

As I was rocking little Luke to sleep later that night, he looked up at me with his big blue eyes and said my name. It melted my heart.

Children are the most precious gifts, and I do want some of my own — just not seven.

Jamie Hatz is the editor in chief for the Northwest Missourian.



Our View

OF THE UNIVERSITY

'And the truth shall make you free'

University administrators mishandled the circumstances surrounding the appointment of Michael Simonson.

Simonson and administrators agreed to withdraw his appointment to the Center for the Application of Technology and Learning last Tuesday, only after the Northwest Missourian revealed sexual harassment allegations against Simonson at Iowa State University.

All 10 members of the selection committee were aware of not only Simonson's qualifications but his allegations as well.

Although they knew the seriousness of these accusations, University administrators found it appropriate to withhold the information.

One of the goals of any institution of higher learning should be to convey the importance of seeking and barring the spirit of the whole truth. Ironically, Northwest decided not to reveal the entire picture to students or faculty or staff.

The picture is a bit murky now, since



an official University press release naming him the first CAITL director and his introduction to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education at a modular learning presentation in Jefferson City.

Despite the confusion on whether Simonson was ever named director, the University still stands behind their selection.

No matter if the allegations came from graduate students who Simonson had no power over, or if he is the most qualified or even if he assured administrators nothing like this would happen at Northwest; it was wrong for University staff, not only to hire

him but, to keep his allegations hidden. Northwest administrators deny Simonson was ever officially the CAITL director.

However, the University was quite clear in February that Simonson was the director because of his formal appointment by the Board of Regents. There was also

him but, to keep his allegations hidden. If the selection committee would have stood behind their selection, even in the face of these allegations, there would not be as much of a problem.

However, the University tried to hide behind Simonson's more than adequate qualifications for the position.

Administrators were not the only ones hiding. Faculty, staff and some Board of Regents members denied comment or asked for anonymity on the issue. Still, others where uncomfortable to discuss the issues and allegations, and said they were told all questions had to be handled through the news and information office.

The only conclusion left to draw is the administration purposely hid the facts.

University administrators chose to keep the allegations a secret and remain captive to the hidden truth. This contradicts the very foundation of the University's values which are engraved on the front of the Administration Building.

"And the Truth Shall Make You Free."

Maryville View

Community anticipates problem, solves it



■ David Angerer

It's awfully hard for cities and towns to get very excited about such mundane things as water treatment plants, sewer lift stations, lagoons and the like.

They are, after all, hidden from public view and it's easy to take them for granted. There's no entertainment or recreational value to these things. They are, in short, boring — at least compared to some of the more exciting public developments at Mozingo Lake or in the city park system.

Most people probably never think about their town's water or sewer systems at all — unless, of course, they quit functioning properly.

Which makes the passage of the \$4.5 million water plant bond issue in Tuesday's election quite remarkable.

The people of Maryville have a long and well-deserved reputation for investing in community growth. People here have a track record of anticipating problems before they occur and taking steps to preempt

them. That several hundred people came out Tuesday — on a cold and rainy day — and voted to increase their water rates in order to play for something as commonplace as a water treatment plant says something special about our community.

Maryvillians understand what makes a community livable and prosperous. They are deeply committed to sustaining their town's exceptional rate of growth.

Many communities lack this sense of civic responsibility and pride. In large and small communities all across America, economic development and progress are frustrated by disintegrating, obsolete infrastructure.

Desperate for new jobs and industries, communities often resort to offering giveaways and gimmicks to encourage new growth. Maryville has been right to reject these hopeless and wasteful strategies. Instead, they focus on providing "the basics" — permanent streets, cost-effective pub-

lic services and utility systems that work.

The Maryville strategy has paid off. Unemployment is among the lowest in the nation. Our industries are solid residents, here for the long-term.

Giveaways and gimmicks didn't attract them here and are not likely to lure them away from us in the future.

By giving their approval to the plan to expand the water treatment plant, the people of Maryville have given an emphatic "YES" to business expansion, the attraction of new industries and the addition of new residents to our town.

For our part, the city government is committed to delivering the finest water treatment plant possible to the residents of Maryville. And we will keep our promise not to raise your water rates by more than 5 percent. We respect the goals you have set for us and value your support for community progress.

David Angerer is the city manager in Maryville.

It's Your Turn

What do you think about Northwest hiring an alleged sexual harassment offender?



"I don't think they should have hired him especially because it happened with grad-students."

Josh Skidmore, zoology major



"I don't agree with it, and I think it is a wrong move on the part of the University."

Jessica Lummus, computer management systems major



"I think it's dangerous and kind of stupid on the part of the University, because they are taking the chance that others will be harassed."

Greg Joubert Jr., computer management systems major



"I think that the University should have never hired him, because he did have these allegations against him during the interview process."

Jeff Taylor, elementary education major



"I won't be taking any of his classes but as long as everyone knows he was accused, it's all right."

Sarah Kelley, merchandising major



"I don't think the students would feel comfortable in the room with a sexual offender."

Tom Durden, undecided major



"It really doesn't concern me that much because I don't think he is going to harass me. But if he harasses my friend, I'd kill him."

Dave DiBernardo, public relations major

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In the April 2 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Debbi Rankin's picture was mistakenly placed with Patty Howard's quote, and Manuel Ruz's name was spelled incorrectly, both in the It's Your Turn. The Missourian regrets these errors.

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Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Garrett-Strong will be the next building to undergo renovations. Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and

sciences, said the building has been moved up on a capital appropriations fund list and will be approved next year.

Renovations pending

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

Plans have been set in motion to prepare for the possible renovations of Garrett-Strong.

Garrett-Strong has been on a capital appropriation funds list in the state legislature for several years. Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences, said Garrett-Strong has been moved up on the list and should be approved in the next year.

In order for the funds to become available, the state legislature must act on Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommendation that \$15 million to go toward Garrett-Strong. The University should find out sometime near the end of April if they get the recommendation.

"We are looking at this month as the time in which we will know for

sure if we will get the funds," Barnes said.

After several months of waiting, the University received \$250,000 to aid the beginning steps of the renovation process. They expect to receive the rest of the money sometime this summer.

"We have had three meetings to discuss the new look," Barnes said. "We want to get a good idea of where we want to go with the building and have that ready to submit as soon as the money becomes available."

Faculty, staff and students are working on what should be renovated.

"That's what makes it so exciting," Barnes said. "We know that we are going to upgrade the heating and cooling systems as well as making the rooms more comfortable and modern."

"We have had three meetings to discuss the new look. We want to get a good idea of where we want to go with the building and have that ready to submit as soon as the money becomes available."

Taylor Barnes
Dean of college of arts and sciences

Northwest applauds student staff Training program benefits Campus Safety officers

■ Reception recognizes employee commitments to campus departments

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

It is often forgotten that more than 800 students are employed at Northwest.

The National Student Employment Week sponsored by the National Association of Student Employment remembered student workers this week.

Approximately 200 students and supervisors attended a reception Wednesday to recognize Northwest student workers, especially seniors graduating this year.

Mary Throener, director of human resources and the first coordinator of the student employment program at Northwest in 1994, expressed her appreciation to the students for their efforts.

"It's very important we recognize them this way," Throener said. "It's a chance to tell them we value them."

Throener coordinated a reception for the Student Employment Week in 1995, however, it was discontinued

because of scheduling conflicts. Brenda Ryan, coordinator of the student employment program, reorganized the event for this year.

Ryan informed all the supervisors to encourage their students to attend the reception.

The unexpected number of people who attended the reception pleased Ryan, and she is hoping to continue this event.

"It's a lot of fun," Ryan said. "I think students should be recognized, and it's always fun to get together. I definitely want to keep this up and hope to improve it every year."

Students are recognized for their work in each department. For example, the library employees have a appreciation party every semester.

However, Brenda Mohling, a graduating senior who works in the Student Affairs office, said for the University to have this kind of reception means a lot to the workers.

"I think it's important because students who work at all the administrative offices and any other offices on campus really do a lot of work and put a lot of effort into their jobs," Mohling said. "I think it's important to show they are appreciated and that the school supports us."

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

Campus Safety is working to improve its response to emergencies with the First Response Training program.

Campus Safety officers are participating in the program, which current police academy graduates go through as part of their training.

The program is funded by Missouri government funds.

Some of the training involves learning CPR, how to handle heavy machinery accidents, multiple wound treatment and scene assessment.

The participants are required to attend 60 hours of class, which is completed during their own time, and pass two tests.

They began the training three weeks ago and will complete the training at the end of this week.

The officers include Tom Scarbrough, Roy Gibbs, Amy Watson, Sean Wiedeir and Clarence Green along with dispatcher Amanda Nigh.

Six other Campus Safety officers have already completed the program

as part of previous training prior to becoming a Campus Safety officer at Northwest.

Green, Campus Safety director, said the program will be beneficial to the whole Northwest community because of the better service they would be able to provide.

"This program will allow the officers to respond to an emergency and better assess the situation," Green said. "It will be good all the way around for the University."

Campus Safety officers respond to all emergencies on campus.

They would even respond to any calls concerning construction workers, Green said.

Scott Chubick, Campus Safety officer is teaching the program. He is also a volunteer firefighter for Nodaway County and a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

"This program is really beneficial for the Campus Safety officers," Chubick said.

"We are responsible for the safety side of the University and that means a variety of things. They are trained on giving the care that the individual needs."



Jodi Strobarg and Danae White attend a reception to honor student workers. Approximately 200 students and supervisors attended Wednesday.

Adriana Albors/
Staff Photographer

Steppin' on up

Dance squad places 9th at competition

by Erica Smith
Advertising Director
and Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The Northwest Steppers took a step in the right direction last weekend in the National Cheerleading Association Competition in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The squad placed ninth in the Division II competition with a relatively young team.

Head coach Lori Steins said the competition was a good learning experience, especially for the new women.

"This gets them recognized as a squad rather than just dancing for Northwest," Steins said. "This also shows the nation we are proud to be dancers for Northwest."

The Steppers placed fourth in the NCA competition with a more experienced team last year.

"The routines this year were a lot harder," captain Cara Comstock said. "We did things we never tried before but with time and practice we did it."

Captain Andrea Blizzard said the competition also gave the women new opportunities.

"We have a great squad," Blizzard said. "It (the competition) gave us a chance to perform in front of a larger crowd in a different setting. It also gave us an idea of what they expect at nationals and what we should expect from the girls who try out here to have."

Saturday was the first time the women had been judged on their performance. Normally, the Steppers only perform for Northwest audiences.

"We're very happy with how we did," Comstock said. "We nailed the routine — not a flaw in it. They judged really hard, but said we had a clean routine and did a great job."

Breaking the bank



Matt Stemple attempts to break the code of the KDLX, Micky G's, Northwest Missouriian \$106,000 vault at the KDLX Spring Thaw Wednesday. Students can attempt to open the vault by entering a six digit numeric code. The vault was unveiled Wednesday and will be at Micky G's, Sonic, the Union and The Pub throughout April.

Darren Papek/
Photography Director

Publications receive Missouri top honors

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

After winning numerous national awards in New York last month, student publications showed they were in the top level locally as well.

The Northwest Missourian received 16 awards in the newspaper category, while Tower yearbook swept nearly all the awards Saturday at the annual Missouri College Media Association Convention Awards Banquet in St. Louis.

The Missourian won first place for best online edition, a new MCMA category.

"I'm more than satisfied," Lesley Thacker, Missourian web editor, said. "If someone compliments (the Missourian) for something, you are never really sure if it's for the web or for the paper. There is not a lot of feedback (for the web). (This is) feedback, and a good feedback."

The Missourian web page was redesigned this semester, something other Missouri schools did not challenge, Thacker said.

Laura Widmer, student publica-

tions adviser, was pleased with the web team's efforts and success.

"I think it's great we won the first electronic newspaper award in the state of Missouri," Widmer said. "And (it's) wonderful that Lesley (Thacker) and her staff had the guidelines for what makes a great web page."

The Missourian online can be seen at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian>.

Tower yearbook '97 "Stages" received at least one award in each category, including first place for overall theme development.

"It's an honor," said Jason Hoke, design editor for the '97 yearbook. "It shows that my hard work paid off, and the hard work of the whole staff (paid off) when it comes to the first in theme development."

In individual awards, Chris Tucker, chief photographer for the '97 yearbook, won five awards, and Hoke won four awards.

"I've been working for the yearbook for five years," Tucker said. "So you better be pretty good at it after five years."

MCMA award winners

Northwest Missourian
Best online edition - first
Feature page - first, second and honorable mention
Page one design - second
Editorial section - second
Sports page - third
Special section - second
Best overall newspaper - third
In-depth reporting - third
Photo page - two honorable mentions
Feature writing - Jamie Hatz, honorable mention
Sports writing - Colin McDonough, honorable mention
Feature photography - Nicole Fuller, honorable mention
Sports photography - Greg Dalrymple, honorable mention

Tower yearbook
Overall theme development - first
Sports photography - Chris Tucker, first, second and third
Student life page design - Jason Hoke, first and second
Feature photography - Chris Tucker, second and honorable mention
Sports page design - Kerry O'Keefe, first; Jason Hoke, third
Portrait page design - Jason Hoke, first
Feature writing - Chris Triebisch, first
Personality sketch - Nate Olson, first

Cheerleaders to compete at nationals

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

After supporting Northwest teams all year, the cheerleading squad hopes to receive cheers of its own when it competes at a national competition Saturday.

The squad will compete against Division II squads at the National Cheerleading Association competition in Chicago.

Northwest received an automatic bid to the competition because of their video they submitted.

The event will give the squad a chance to see how they compare to other Division II schools, coach John Yates said.

"We will receive a score and will be able to compare that to what our competitors receive and see where we stack up," Yates said. "We should be at or near the top. Year in and year out, we tend to be at the top of the division nationally. We could come out winning the Spring Classic at Navy Pier."

Captain Keith Guilford said the team is excited about the chance to earn recognition.

"This is a chance for us to compete and show that we are one of the better teams in the area," Guilford

"We are a young squad, and this means we get to show off our talent and see how we are compared to other squads. We will be a little nervous, but we are confident. We have more variety in this year's routine, but our pyramids are strong, and we are sticking our stunts."

Karla Jewell
cheerleading captain

said. "We hope to be national champions, but we are not focused on the championship. We want to perform our routine, hit it, do the best we can and maybe end up on top."

The "Cats have been on top of the division seven times out of the past 12 years they have competed.

The squad is ready to compete and can do just as good or better than last year's fourth-place finish, captain Karla Jewell said.

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The competition allows a little role reversal for the squad. "People come to watch us at the competition, so it's kind of reversed," Jewell said. "We get recognized as more than just people out there yelling for the team."

The squad has been practicing their national routine since January.

"The competition means a lot to us," Yates said. "It is good for us to get out and see where we are (compared to other squads)."

Students learn healthy habits

■ St. Gregory's annual fair offers educational experience

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Students learned more than just to eat their vegetables and to say no to drugs at St. Gregory's Catholic School's health fair Tuesday.

Kathy Lepiec, St. Gregory's nurse, coordinated the school's second annual fair.

"One of my big things is prevention," Lepiec said. "A nurse can do so much more than just putting on Band-Aids. There is a lot of value in what you can teach the children."

Ray Gable, a heart transplant recipient, spoke about sharing life through organ donations. Nate Blackford, Craig Evans and Bren Manauha gave speeches about being physically fit. Mayor Bridget Brown also made a special proclamation.

The entire fair revolved around the theme of train engineers — from Lepiec's striped outfit to the laminated trains participants wore around their necks.

"We are looking to continue to educate the kids to make healthy choices," Lepiec said. "These kids have a lot of engineers in their life — their parents, teachers, but we are teaching them to become their own en-

gineers and to make their own responsible choices."

The fair was set up in stations, so the children could travel and learn activities as they went.

"Most of the stations are interactive," Lepiec said. "The children get to put in their input. It's all hands-on."

They learned about everything from seat belt safety to eating right to organ donations. "I learned that I should buckle up so I don't die," fourth-grader Adam Auffert said.

The students learned to identify food containers that closely resembled poisonous and unhealthy cleaners.

"It is important to keep the younger ones away from (poisons), and many of the older kids are babysitting and they need to be able to identify them," Lepiec said.

Northwest students from a community health class instructed students about finding their pulse and exercising.

Another station showed students the effects cigarettes have on the body. It featured a machine with a video of healthy lungs next to lungs with emphysema and cancer.

"We are mostly emphasizing second-hand smoke and its dangers," said Stephanie Erdman, multi-county health educator. "We want them to speak up and be an advocate. The lung machine is to show them the long-term effects."



Jamie Baker, of the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study, talks with students at St. Gregory's Catholic School during Tuesday's health

fair. Baker showed students the effects smoking has on lungs such as cancer and emphysema.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director



This is the view from the Fatal Vision Goggles. They are used as an educational tool to show students the effects of alcohol and drug use.

Darren Pappe/Photography Director

Goggles teach life, death lesson

by M.J. Vinson
Missourian Staff

Through the innovation of Fatal Vision Goggles, northwest Missouri youth can identify the lack of motor skills that occur during alcohol and drug use.

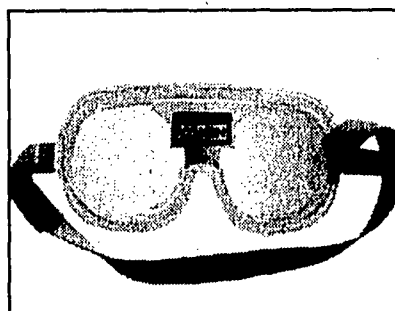
Fatal Vision Goggles are designed to distort vision and simulate the perception of a person who is legally intoxicated.

Gary Lange, captain in the Missouri National Guard, worked with many students utilizing the goggles through the Drug Reduction Program.

There are numerous implications of alcohol misuse, but Lange stresses two main points.

"If you put yourself in the situation, don't drive," he said. "And don't let a friend drive drunk."

Students wearing the goggles are challenged with interactive exercises like a heel-to-toe field sobriety test, attempting to unlock a car door, trying to play basketball, catching a football and driving a driver's education car or golf cart.



FATAL VISION GOGGLES

Joe Ensminger, Maryville High School freshman attended an interactive presentation at a Turning Resources and Energy into New Directions workshop where the goggles were introduced.

"The goggles are effective as long as they educate what the purpose of the goggles are," Ensminger said. "Wearing the goggles really reminds people to think twice about riding with someone that has been drinking or even driving under the influence."

Team Spirit is a leadership program which provides teens a chance to take an active role in preventing alcohol and other drug use. Activi-

ties with the Fatal Vision Goggles are a way to influence their younger peers.

Team Spirit and Youth Council members received a mini-grant from Alcohol and Drug Abuse through the Missouri Association of Community Task Forces.

With combined efforts, they are recognizing efforts in the community and schools by area issues and working with the Community 2000 to create solutions from a youth perspective.

A pair of Fatal Vision Goggles were purchased with the grant that was received.

Margaret Pierson, Maryville Community 2000 mobilizer, has coordinated a promotion and fundraisers which have purchased three additional pairs.

Contributors to the fund include the Nodaway County DARE, Maryville Public Safety, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, St. Gregory's student council, Washington Middle School's student council and the Maryville High School's Student Council.

Walkers step up to raise funds

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Concerned individuals will lace up their walking shoes in hopes of finding a cure at the finish line.

The annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk will be Saturday, April 18, to raise funds to further MS research. Money raised will also go toward support groups, equipment and medical care for local MS patients.

The sponsor, Missouri Business and Professional Women's Organization, named this year's event the Janel Phipps MS Walk.

Phipps was diagnosed with MS in 1984 and was able to continue working for two years. She coordinated the local walk several years ago but suffers from more severe symptoms of progressive MS.

"We're hoping that someday they'll discover a medication that will help her," Janel's mother Virginia Phipps said.

Multiple sclerosis usually affects people who are between 20 and 40 years old by randomly attacking their central nervous system.

MS symptoms vary from numbness to paralysis and blindness. The length and severity of the attacks is unpredictable.

"There is no known cause or cure

for MS," said Deb Raus-Coffey, Maryville MS Walk coordinator. "But, the more money we can raise through events like the MS Walk, hopefully, in the future, we can find a cure for MS."

Teams of four or more can register. Volunteers for Maryville's walk are still needed.

Pre-registration has already begun for the event. Forms can be picked up around campus, at area grocery stores, at KNIM or by calling Raus-Coffey at 582-8432.

Money will be raised through pledges which must also be turned in the day of the walk. Every participant with pledge money totaling \$75 will receive an official MS Walk T-shirt.

Additional prizes for higher pledge totals include Eddie Bauer gift certificates, compact disc player mini-systems and Vanguard Airlines tickets.

Participants will begin at Maryville High School and continue their walk through residential areas. The route will end at the high school where each participant will receive a medallion.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is attempting to pair a walker with each of the 280 million people registered with MS.

Important Support

A nationwide multiple sclerosis teleconference is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

The conference for area residents will be in the Hospitality Room at St. Francis Hospital. Each support group participating will have the opportunity to ask doctors questions on developments in multiple sclerosis research and treatment.

Regular meetings of the MS support group are the last Saturday of every month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Friends and family of people with multiple sclerosis are welcome. For further information, contact Sally Tennihill at 562-3339.

In Brief

Fraternity sponsors hunt, school program

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. Friday at Horace Mann Elementary School.

The event is for children in the Horace Mann after-school program.

MHS senior among Missouri's top 100

A senior from Maryville High School was selected for the Missouri Scholars 100.

Kari Baumgartner was nominated for the statewide program which hon-

ors 100 of Missouri's outstanding academic students in the class of 1998.

Students are nominated by their schools and selection is based on 10 requirements.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.75, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a SAT score of 1300, be ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class and have taken upper-level courses in mathematics, science, English and foreign language.

The student must also have good attendance and be involved in school activities.

The program is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals.

Area church presents annual Easter drama

The Community of Faith Church will have their annual Easter performance at 7 p.m. April 11 and at 10:30 a.m. April 12 at the church located at 921 E. Third St.

This year's drama, "The Other Carpenter" is a fictional story about the man who made the cross where Christ died.

Scotty Wall, associate pastor and music director, is directing seven congregation members in the theatrical attraction.

The drama is open to the public and is free.

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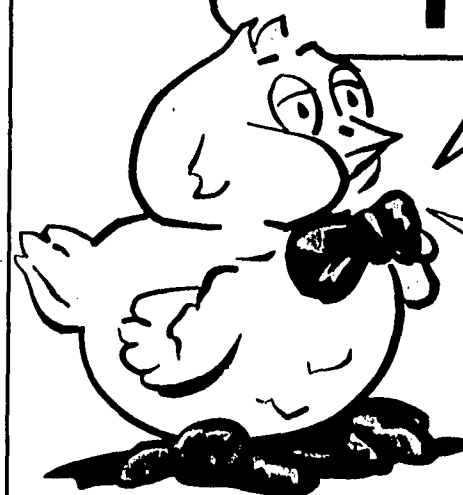
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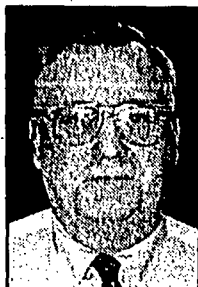
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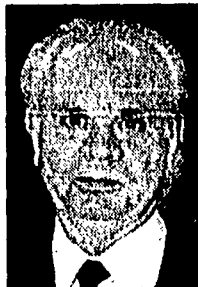
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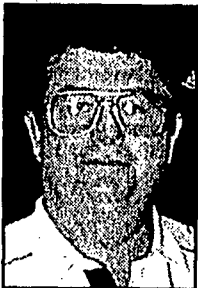


■ Dale Mathes



■ George English

School Board members



■ Robert Martin



■ John Redden

also passed both in Nodaway county and the state.

The motion was to increase the bond to 15 percent from the current rate of 10 percent.

"I'm very pleased that Amendments 3 and 4 passed," said Gary Bell, Maryville R-II school district superintendent. "I can't really say what Amendment 3, as far as dollars, will mean to the district, but there's the opportunity for more money to flow back through the state to fund categorical programs."

Bell was also extremely pleased that Amendment 4 passed because it will give all districts the capability to increase their bond indebtedness to 15 percent of the assessed evaluation.

Along with the amendments, Robert Martin and John Redden were re-elected to the School Board.

"We're heading in the right direction. We're addressing the issues we need to be addressing — the facility and our area of technology," Martin said.

Redden wants to make a move ahead and see the completion of several projects.

"What I'm going to push forward in the next three years is getting some buildings completed, projects completed and the general day-to-day business," Redden said.

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really financially set," Cornelison said. "Any opportunity to go to college close to home was some what remote."

Cornelison had some people take a significant interest in him and encouraged him to try and get into the military academy at West Point Academy in New York.

He applied to West Point and was accepted in the summer of 1965. Cornelison did not intend to make a career in the military, but he had to fulfill a five-year service obligation for receiving an education.

"So I went into it with an open mind of, 'well, we'll see what happens,'" Cornelison said.

Cornelison graduated from West Point in the top 10 percent of his class in 1969.

Soon after, Cornelison volunteered in Vietnam where he served for one year. As the United States was beginning to withdraw troops, Cornelison was given the opportunity to return to the states with his unit or be reassigned elsewhere in Vietnam. He chose to volunteer for an additional six months.

Cornelison, whose poems from Vietnam adorn the walls of his parents home, said the Vietnam experience was different for everyone.

"I was blessed in the sense that I had a fair number of close calls, but I survived without any physical or emotional injuries," Cornelison said.

As his five-year obligation came to an end, Cornelison did not want to stay in field artillery, but he had taken interest in the field of law.

At that time, the military offered programs that sent officers back to earn degrees in subjects such as medicine, English, history and chemistry. Unfortunately, there was not a program for an advanced law degree.

Cornelison decided he was going to leave the military and attend law school. Coincidentally, during his preparation, Congress passed a law that allowed services to send 25 officers to law school on a fully-funded basis.

Cornelison was sent to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and graduated in 1977.

He spent one more year at Georgetown with the army's permission as a clerk to the judge in the federal district court. He was transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corp for three years of law school.

"By that time, I had served close to 15 years of service," Cornelison said. "It didn't make sense, but I still liked the army. It doesn't make sense now. I ended up staying in it for a full career."

Soon Cornelison's career took him to Panama in 1985 as the senior law-

yer for the army.

He fell in love and was married in Panama. Cornelison and his wife, Ella Carter Cornelison, met on a blind date. At the time, she was working for the Panama Canal Commission and she had been the executive secretary to the administrator for the canal.

Cornelison returned to the United States in 1989. His wife took an early retirement to return back to Washington D.C. with him, where they lived for about six years.

Cornelison was deciding what to do during the remainder of his professional life when he heard the job of deputy administrator was opening.

Cornelison became interested in the job. The couple knew many people in Panama and his wife had worked closely with the office. The chairman of the board of directors was also a West Point graduate.

"(The chairman) said to stay in touch and then, out of the blue six-to-nine months later, I got a call saying that the deputy administrator in Panama was retiring and asked if I was interested in going down to Panama," Cornelison said.

Cornelison and his wife decided to make the move. Although, it wasn't quite that simple.

The deputy position was a presidential appointment. The chairman of the board was interested if Cornelison

wanted the position, but he had to go to the White House and get an endorsement from the office of presidential personnel and ultimately the approval of President Clinton.

"We weren't sure if we could do that because I, in the course of a military career, hadn't been involved in politics at all," Cornelison said.

Letters were written in support of Cornelison's appointment and the approval was made.

He retired from the military in June 1995 and moved with his wife to Panama in July. He was sworn in as deputy administrator July 12.

During the presidency of Jimmy Carter, the decision was made to give the canal to its native country.

The Carter-Torrijos Treaty was signed on Sept. 7, 1977, and it called for a 20-year transition period.

When the canal is turned over to Panama, Cornelison's position as deputy administrator of the U.S. Government Agency will end.

"It's a little early to know what's going to happen at that point," Cornelison said.

Most likely, a Panamanian will become deputy administrator and Cornelison will stay on to close out U.S. responsibilities.

"Then, we'll see what the good Lord has in store for us," Cornelison said.

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Public Safety

March 30

■ An officer took a report of gates at Mzingo being damaged. It appeared that someone had driven through them destroying them and damaging the corner posts and wire.

March 31

■ An officer served a warrant for failure to appear to Demetrius G. Yarbrough, 23, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Erin K. Moore's vehicle was hit while parked in the 300 block of North Main Street by an unidentified driver.

April 1

■ Shelbi J. Nelson, Maryville, was backing from a driveway and struck the vehicle of Kristy M. Taylor, Maryville. Nelson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer took a report of a fe-

male failing to stop for a school bus stop sign while it was unloading at the intersection of Second and Davis streets.

■ An officer served a warrant for driving with a suspended license to Jason T. Growcock, 25, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Katrina M. Rader was backing from a driveway and struck the vehicle of Jon P. Mitchell. Rader was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Earnest E. Collins Jr., Maryville, was stopped next to Bradley J. Nielson, Maryville, at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets. When the light turned green, Collins turned right and Nielson turned right and struck Collins. No citations were issued.

■ Shane M. Hilton, Maryville, was issued a summons for allowing a dog to run at large.

April 2

■ Ray Guilford, Salisbury, was doing work at T&T Car Wash. He attempted to pull forward and ran over

the right leg of Samuel Guth, who was lying on the ground doing some work. Guth was transported to St. Francis Hospital. No citations were issued.

April 3

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 300 block of North Main Street, the rear tailgate received a dent in it.

■ Gary L. Proffit, Maryville, had his vehicle hit by an unidentified driver in the Bearcat Lanes parking lot.

■ Laura M. Ward, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign and proceeded into the intersection of Buchanan and Second streets. Ward's vehicle was struck by Heather K. Lutz, Lee's Summit, who was northbound on Buchanan Street. Ward was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Fire units responded to a garage fire north of Maryville. Upon arrival, the owner had the fire under control. The cause was determined to be from a piece of plastic, which was hanging from the ceiling, touching a stovepipe. The heaviest fire damage was in the northeast corner with

damage to several tools and equipment. The rest of the structure suffered from minor smoke and fire damage.

April 4

■ A Maryville male reported that the front window and front door window at his residence in the 500 block of Prather Avenue was damaged.

■ An officer was on patrol in the 500 block of West Edwards Street when he observed a male subject holding a bottle. The officer observed the subject hiding the bottle. The subject was identified as Anders J. Lindburg, 20, Lincoln, Neb. After it was determined that the bottle contained an alcoholic beverage, Lindburg was issued a summons for minor in possession and released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 600 block of East Third Street, the passenger side mirror had been broken.

■ An officer issued a summons to Randy L. Mires, 21, Maryville, for assault following an incident in the

1300 block of South Main Street.

■ A Maryville female reported that someone had written a phrase on the side of her residence with what appeared to be mud.

April 5

■ A summons was issued to Michael R. Simpson, 32, Maryville, for assault and property damage. This followed an incident in which another male subject was kicked and windows were broken at a residence in the 100 block of North Water Street.

■ An officer served a warrant for failure to appear to Sara R. Midyett, 21, St. Joseph. She was released after posting bond.

■ Jamie R. Schroeder, Maryville, had her vehicle hit by an unidentified driver in the Rosewood Apartment parking lot.

April 6

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 1500 block of South Munn Street.

■ An officer took a report that a 7-year-old Maryville male had been

bitten by a dog in the 300 block of North Vine Street. The dog was taken in for observation.

■ An officer served a warrant on Nathaniel S. Rude, 21, Parkville. He is being held for bond.

■ Kelly M. McElfresh, Hopkins, struck the vehicle of Elaine T. Miller, Maryville, causing Miller's vehicle to strike Victoria L. Shipley, Burlington Junction. McElfresh was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

April 7

■ An officer in the 1100 block of North Main Street observed a vehicle pull from a parking lot and accelerate excessively. The driver was identified as Robert G. Ross III, 21, Maryville. While talking with Ross, the officer detected an odor of intoxicants. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol level tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Whistle while you walk



Darren Papek/Photography Director

The Panhellenic Council sponsored an Alzheimer's walk Tuesday at the Maryville Health Center. (Left to right) Dean Davis, Kit Morgan, Ruth Walkup and Erin Mowery reminisce outside. It's a time for the young and old to come together and stimulate lost memories.

Obituaries

Thelma Cross

Thelma T. Cross, 98, Hopkins, died March 24 at the Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 8, 1900, to William and Annabelle Breezley in Yorktown, Iowa.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice O'Riley and Carole Davison; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were March 26 at the Wray United Methodist Church in Hopkins.

Ruby Martin

Ruby Brown Martin, 80, Hopkins, died March 24 at her home. She was born March 12, 1918, in Blanchard, Iowa.

Survivors include four daughters, Lucille DeLap, Eloise Liles, Sharon Wells and Eileen Martin; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five sisters.

Graveside services were March 28 at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Allene Wilkinson

Allene S. Wilkinson, 75, Maryville, died March 24 at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born Aug. 27, 1922, to Jessie and Wesley Spradlin in Burnside, Ky.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Jane Hagan; three grandchildren; and three sisters.

Services were March 26 at the First Christian Church in Maryville.

Emma Powell

Emma Powell, 92, Ravenwood, died March 27 at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 26, 1906, to Lorena and Thomas Freeman in Maryville.

Survivors include two daughters, Cleola Brandt and Shirley Vulgamott; two sons, Loyd and Kenny; and eight grandsons.

Services were March 31 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Laura Schleber

Laura Isabelle Schieber, 75, Conception Junction, died March 28 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 2, 1917, to Emma and Bernard Eickholt in Ravenwood.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Fennell, Ruth Kemper and Mary Jo; five sons, Richard, William, Phillip, Stephen and Mark; 21 grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were March 31 at the St.

Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction.

Crystal Long

Crystal Charlene Long, 76, St. Joseph, died March 30 at Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph.

She was born April 18, 1921, to Loron and Crystal Long in Ravenwood.

Survivors include three nephews and two nieces.

Services were last Friday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville.

Leonard Still

Leonard Eugene Still, 38, Ingram, Texas, died April 3 at his home.

He was born July 6, 1959, to Helen and Leonard Still, in Maryville.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; one son, Michael; four daughters, Savannah, April, Chelsea and Katie Graham; two sisters; and his mother.

Graveside services were Wednesday at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Maryville.

New Arrivals

Megan Marie Winghart

Tom and Kathy Winghart, Maryville, are the parents of Megan Marie, born March 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds.

Grandparents are Myron and Mary Solberg, Waupaca, Wisc.; and George Winghart, Mequon, Wisc.

Dulanie Jade Abplanalp

Ben and Brenda Abplanalp, Hopkins, are the parents of Dulanie Jade, born March 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds.

Grandparents are Richard and Rosa Williams, Grant City; Nick and Brenda Abplanalp, Denver; and Ron and Onedia Wolverson, Hopkins.

Lauren Allewe Martin

Doug and Evilyn Martin, Maryville, are the parents of Lauren Allewe, born March 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother.

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Softball prepares for Griffons

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

MIAA competition is on the minds of the softball players, as they face conference rival Missouri Western State College today at home.

The last time the 'Cats took on the Griffons, they split a doubleheader. Head coach Pam Knox said this matchup should be a test of their improvement.

"If we keep our focus, we could come out 2-0," Knox said. "We still haven't played our best softball yet. These will be tough games for us, but the great thing is that we will be at home. We will try to make the best of having home-field advantage."

First baseman Sue-ann Zeiger also has high hopes for the games against Missouri Western.

"I hope the weather clears up," Zeiger said. "We are ready to play. I know we can beat them; we just need to stay focused. We must play at the level we are capable of at every game if we are going to do well in conference."

The squad goes into the game with the Griffons carrying a 17-10 overall record, 5-3 in MIAA action and several injuries.

Shortstop Sara Moss is out after re-injuring her shoulder, while Marta Hayes is also nursing a shoulder injury. Catcher Karla Stoll is out with a bruised leg and starting right fielder Erica Pfeifer is out with a sprained ankle after Saturday's games.

The 'Cats were supposed to take on Emporia State University Tuesday, but the games were postponed because of rain. The doubleheader was rescheduled for 2 p.m. April 16 at Emporia.

Contributing to the 'Cats' strong record was the team's split Sunday against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The women knocked off the Miners in the first game with a 9-1 shellacking.

The 'Cats' effort began in the second inning as outfielder Darcie Heitschmidt launched a two-run



Michelle Hibbs steps to the plate and takes a ball in Saturday's game against Lincoln University. The 'Cats won the doubleheader 7-2 and 15-4. Hibbs was 2 for 4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored.

home run that put the team up 2-1. The Bearcats sent 12 batters to the plate in the third inning, scoring seven runs on four hits and one error, locking up the victory. Zeiger drove in two runs in the inning.

Pitcher Carrie Ledesma gave up just one run while allowing only five hits, notching the win.

In game two, the tables were turned. The 'Cats were down 2-1 after two but came back with RBI's by Moss and second baseman Lindy Tomlinson. The 'Cats were up 4-2 after Zeiger added a two-out RBI single in the top of the seventh.

However, the women could not hold on, and the Miners came back to score three in the bottom of the seventh, to win 5-4.

"We had no business losing to Rolla — it was a total lack of focus," Knox said. "We just weren't doing things. We were striking out, swinging at bad pitches. Communication

fell down and we were throwing to the wrong bag. We totally went dead. We weren't excited, our bench was quiet and we were making poor decisions, and they took advantage of it. I hope this is a learning experience for us. It should never happen again."

The women swept Lincoln University the day before, 7-2 and 15-4.

In game one, outfielder Michelle Hibbs led the team with a three-run home run that thrust the team into the lead 3-2 in the bottom of the second inning. Catcher Melissa Angel knocked in another run for the 'Cats in the inning making it 4-2.

The 'Cats never relented and took the game 7-2.

Outfielder Kendra Smith and Moss contributed two hits each to the effort as well.

Michele Ansley picked up the victory for the 'Cats on the mound.

In game two of the doubleheader,

Northwest tallied 15 runs and 12 hits in just five innings to pummel the Lady Tigers 15-4.

The women took an early 6-0 lead before allowing three runs in the top of the third. The Bearcats then answered back with four runs in the bottom of the third.

The team tacked on five more in the fifth, extending the lead to 15-3. Lincoln scored just one more run in the fifth, finishing off the 15-4 victory.

Smith led the 'Cats offensively scoring four runs, while outfielder Marcy Ruckman and second baseman Shannon Brennan each drove in three.

Pitcher Andrea Kearns struck out five and gave up just one earned run en route to notching the victory.

"We still haven't put everything together and played our best softball yet," Knox said. "The day we do that, no one will be able to touch us."

Rain delay

'Cats postpone game, stand at 13-10 overall

■ Injuries plague team, weather delays matchup

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

Another cancellation for the Northwest baseball team Wednesday may help it overcome some recent injuries.

The 'Cats were scheduled to play Lincoln University, but the contest was canceled because of rain. They are 13-10 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

Senior pitcher Mike Hollister (4-1) separated his right shoulder Monday diving for a ball in practice.

Hollister's injury came in addition to those of junior catcher Rusty Lashley, who is out with a leg injury; and junior centerfielder Keon Patton, who is suffering from a sore shoulder.

Lashley and Patton are both starters. Patton has led the 'Cats offense this season with a .354 batting average and leads the MIAA in steals.

"(Patton's injury) takes some speed away from us, and it keeps us from scoring some runs," said Troy Gerlach, junior third baseman.

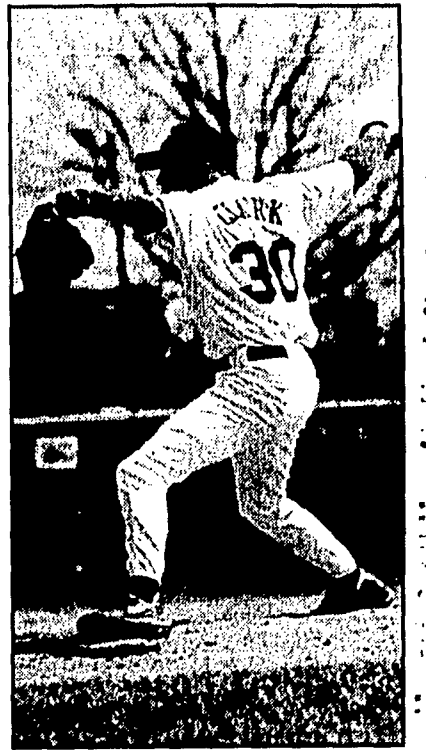
Overall, Coach Jim Johnson is pleased with what his team has accomplished this far in the season.

"Our pitching has been really good and our ERA is respectable," Johnson said. "Defense is playing well, although the outfield has been shaky and some players have been moved around."

Although, the 'Cats need to improve their offense, Johnson said. The team is batting .291 and averaging four runs a game.

"We're hitting well with nobody on base, but we're not hitting well with runners in scoring position," Johnson said. "We're just not scoring a lot of runs."

What the 'Cats do have going for them is their ability to come back in



Amy Roth/Staff Photographer
Pitcher Doug Clark releases the ball toward the batter in Saturday's doubleheader against Emporia State.

late innings or a tough loss with a constant effort, Johnson said.

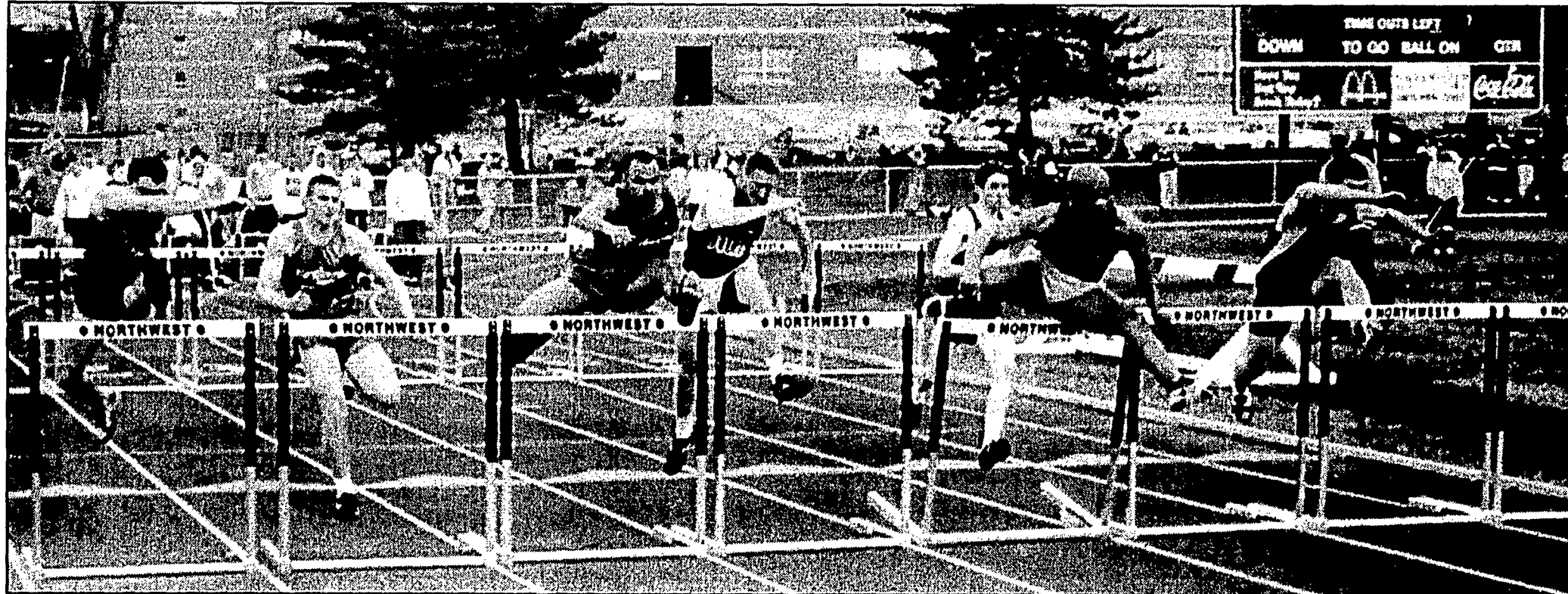
Emporia State beat Northwest in the opening game of the three-game series, 18-6, but Northwest came back and took two games from the Hornets, 3-1 and 7-5, on March 29.

The 'Cats also took a beating from Missouri Western State College in the first half of a doubleheader Saturday, 16-4. Then they came back in the nightcap to pull out a 3-2 win.

Northwest's season begins to wind down as they travel to Truman State this weekend for a three-game series.

The 'Cats are in fifth place in the MIAA and are confident that they have a good chance of winning a lot of games down the stretch.

"We're in good position," Johnson said. "Anything can happen."



Freshmen Ryan Best and Jason Greer (second and third from left) run in the second heat of the 110-meter hurdles Saturday at the Northwest Invitational. Greer placed sixth in the event. The men's team placed second in the meet, its first of the outdoor season. The 'Cats won on the women's side. The Bearcats will compete at Emporia State Saturday.

Women win Invitational, men finish second

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The men's and women's track teams jumped out of the starting blocks Saturday and left the competition in the dust as they competed in their first outdoor meet.

The women will try to maintain top form as they take on conference competition at the Division II Challenge at Emporia State University.

Elisa Koch, junior middle-distance runner, said the team should be a strong competitor.

"I think we can win the meet if everybody performs like we did (at home)," Koch said. "Emporia will be our toughest competition at the meet. Hopefully, we will do what we need to do and get it done."

The team goes into the meet on a

high note after the win at home last weekend. The women defeated 18 teams including Division II, III and NAIA competitors at the Northwest Invitational.

"We competed favorably against excellent teams and outstanding athletes," Williams said. "This was our first outdoor meet of the season and indicated some strengths and weaknesses."

Senior Julie Humphreys led the team placing first in the shot put and second in both the hammer and discus. She provisionally qualified for outdoor nationals in all three events.

Junior Brandy Haan took first in the 100-meter dash, provisionally qualifying for nationals, and second in the 200-meter dash just missing the provisional mark.

Sophomore Jill Eppengaugh also

provisionally qualified for nationals with her second place finish in the hammer throw.

Junior Jashelle Sasser picked up a first in the triple jump and a second in the high jump. Senior Misty Campbell notched a first-place finish in the javelin, while freshman Diana Hughes finished on top in the long jump.

"We weren't supposed to beat UNO (the University of Nebraska-Omaha), but we pulled through and everybody pulled where they needed to," said Amber Martin, junior middle-distance runner. "For our first meet, we came out well and look good for the season."

Men place second in home meet

The men's team started their season off on the right foot as it finished

second in its first meet of the season.

The team will look to continue that streak as they travel to Emporia State Saturday.

"We are in position to do well, we just need to concentrate on improving ourselves," head coach Rich Alsop said. "If we are going to do well as a team, it's going to take several individuals doing well."

The men go into the meet coming off a second place finish last weekend at the Northwest Invitational.

The men were led by seniors Damon Alsop and Chad Sutton who earned the team's only first-place finishes in the javelin and high jump, respectively.

Sophomore Joe Reichert and freshmen Joe Glab and Tucker Woolsey picked up second, third and fourth in the shot put, respectively.

Reichert also notched a third-place finish in the discus. Junior Robby Lane took second in the 5000-meter run and third in the 1500-meter run, while sophomore Matt Abele placed second in the 200-meter dash.

"We had no idea where we were compared to the other teams," Alsop said. "We had great competition and performances from all of the team. We hung in there and did a good job. We could have done better in some events, but some people jumped out and surprised us. Some of the men ran awfully well and didn't place."

"I think the team did fairly well with the people we had," junior vaulter Tommy Lesley said. "The people we had did really well. We are looking forward to the meets coming up. We should be able to keep up with most of the people we'll face."

Athletic Shorts

Basketball player named all-America

Senior guard Shawn "Shakey" Harrington was named a fourth-team all-America selection by Division II Bulletin, the publication that covers NCAA Division II basketball.

Harrington, a 5-11 point guard, helped lead the Bearcats to the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time since 1989.

Harrington led the MIAA in steals in 1997-98, averaging 2.3 per game. He also ranked second in assists, dishing out 4.6 a contest. He scored

13.3 points per game, 13th in the MIAA and was fifth in free throw percentage, hitting 76.6 percent of his opportunities from the charity stripe.

Earlier this year, Harrington was named Most Valuable Player of the MIAA, first-team all-MIAA and first-team all-Region.

Recreation office supplies information

An information packet for adult summer softball is available at the Maryville Parks and Recreation office.

Registration for summer softball will be April 13 through May 1. The team fee and a minimum of seven player fees with signed contracts are required at that time.

For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Special Olympics offers golf tourney

A golf tournament sponsored by the Maryville Treatment Center and Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron will be May 8 at the

Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

The tournament is part of Missouri's Special Olympics efforts to expand their year-round program to include more eligible participants.

Special Olympics is looking for sponsors for the tournament by the donation of door prizes or monetary sponsors.

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the athletes in the northwest Missouri area.

If you would like more information, have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Mike Gironato at (660) 582-6542 or Melody Prawitz at (816) 233-6232.

Swim coach needed for summer team

The Maryville Parks and Recreation office is looking for a summer swim team coach.

Applicants must have a background in swimming and coaching.


The swim program lasts six weeks. Practices are from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 1.

There are approximately seven to 10 swim meets per summer and approximately 80 swimmers on the team. Four assistant coaches help with

practices and meets.

Those interested should submit applications to Maryville Parks and Recreation at P.O. Box 438 Maryville, MO 64468.

For additional information contact the office at (660) 562-2923 or fax them at (660) 562-3729.



Time Out
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Track squads ready to race

■ Spoofhounds prepare for bad weather to end, competition to proceed

by Debbie Lollmann
Missourian Staff

Braving opponents has not been as difficult as braving the weather for the high school track teams.

Both the boys' and girls' teams will play host to five area teams including Albany, Tarkio Academy, West Nodaway, Mound City and Chillicothe at 4 p.m. today.

Mike Thomson, boys' head coach, said today's meet will be a good opportunity to get the team in shape and to work on individual events.

"We have an opportunity to take a good look at the team from Chillicothe," Thomson said. "They are in our conference, and we hope we are able to compete with them."

Thomson believes the team is falling behind with its workouts because of the rain.

The field events are difficult to practice in wet conditions because they are more technique than natural talent, Thomson said.

Conditioning has been a problem as well.

"The team hasn't been able to put its best foot forward, because (the athletes) aren't in shape like they should be right now," Thomson said.

Aside from not having the best weather to practice and compete in,

"They are learning to depend on each other as a team and are building good team chemistry."

■ Mike Thomson,
boys' head coach,
Maryville High School

the Spoofhounds are confident about the season.

"The boys are all pretty close," Thomson said. "They are learning to depend on each other as a team and are building good team chemistry."

The boys travelled to the Nebraska City (Neb.) Invite Tuesday. The 'Hounds took first place in the meet notching 116 total points.

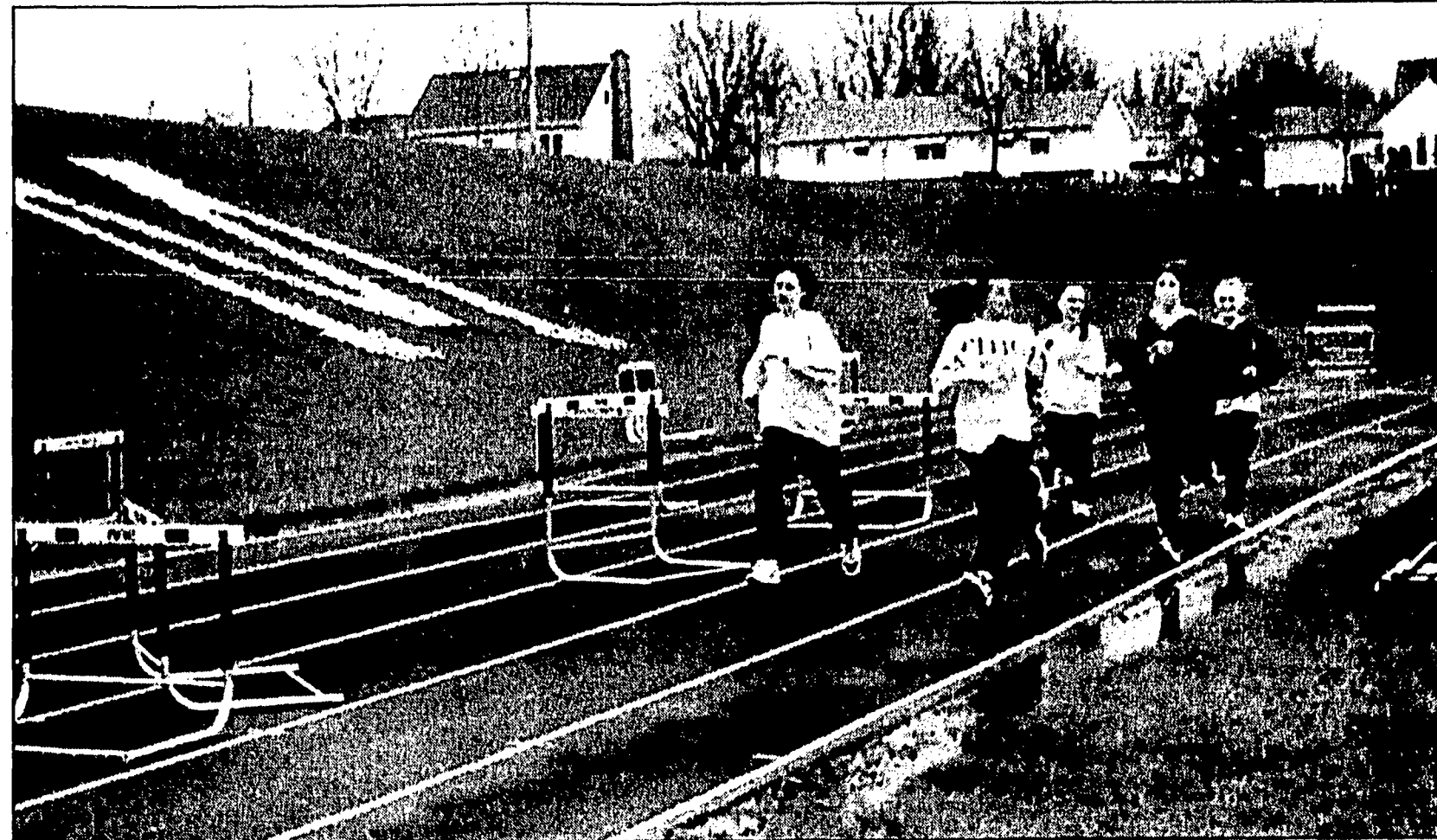
Finishing strong for the 'Hounds in the meet were junior Adam Jones and sophomore Jason Garrett.

Jones finished first and Garrett finished second in the 800-meter hurdles.

In the 110-meter high hurdles, Jones took first and Garrett took second.

Jones and Garrett switched places in the 110-meter high hurdles, Jones took first and Garrett took second.

Junior Adam Otte placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Five members of the Maryville girls' track team brave the rain and cool temperatures Wednesday afternoon to practice events. The girls' team is just one of a number of squads that had meets or games halted because of

the rain. Both the boys' and girls' teams will be back in action at 4 p.m. today when the Spoofhounds play host to teams from five other area schools — weather cooperating.

53.6 seconds, while junior Mark Slater finished third behind Otte.

Sophomore Pat Jordan was another bright spot for the Spoofhounds in the high jump when he placed second.

"Pat jumped six feet straight out of a huge water puddle," Thomson said.

Although the individual times were slower because of the weather,

the Spoofhounds gained much-needed experience for their future meets, Thomson said.

Girls try to focus on winning

The girls' team has been losing focus because it has not been able to participate in many meets because of the weather, head coach Jeff Martin said.

But the team is excited about the

possibility of taking part in this meet and expects to do well.

They are more comfortable at home meets and seem to be relaxed in their events, Martin said.

The home crowd also plays a tremendous part in the team's performance.

"The parents are real supportive, and the team enjoys the student section cheering them on in the home

stretch of their races," Martin said.

The team competed in Chillicothe last Thursday.

The Spoofhounds finished sixth out of 15 teams.

Melissa Meyers won the two-mile run with a time of 12:57. Jill Middleton placed second in the long jump, triple jump and high jump, while senior Abbey Lade placed third in the discus.

Golfers shoot for low scores

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Rainy days continue to plague the Maryville golfers, but they hope to battle the boys from LeBlond.

The team's match is at 4 p.m. at LeBlond. Freshman Matt Van Cleave believes the team can be successful, but it has some kinks to work out of it's game.

The Maryville boys' golf team is pumped up for the season and is going to go into every match with an open mind, Van Cleave said.

"I think everyone is satisfied with our game, but we just need more people to put up lower scores," Van Cleave said.

Other than a few flaws, Van

Cleave believes the team should be successful in its match against the Eagles.

"We should be able to beat them but it will be tough because of some changes that we made in our varsity team," Van Cleave said.

The Spoofhounds played Savannah Wednesday after having its first match against the Savages postponed.

The team played at Duncan Hills Golf Course and fell behind three strokes to lose, 166-163.

Three over par was appreciated by senior Jimmy Thompson who led the team through the course finishing with a 38.

Van Cleave finished with a 42 and just behind him was junior Dan Bill-

ings and freshman Nick Thompson, who each scored a 43.

The rain let up long enough for 18 holes to be completed by the team of linksters, giving it time to play in their first tournament.

The team played Saturday in Savannah and finished in fourth place with 324 strokes.

Van Cleave and Jimmy Thompson led the team Tuesday with scores of 80. Nick Thompson, right behind Van Cleave and Thompson, finished with an 81.

The team was upset at its performance but was glad to take fourth place, Van Cleave said.

"I think a lot of us were kind of disappointed because we can all break 80," Van Cleave said.

Tennis players serve up victories

by Alex Berry
Missourian Staff

Earning another win will be the top priority for the Maryville boys' tennis team today.

The Spoofhounds will attempt to improve on their 1-1 record so far when they face Benton.

The Cardinals will not be the toughest competition of the year, but the dual will help sharpen the team's

individual playing skills, Deno Groumoutis said.

"I am going to try to work on my consistency," Groumoutis said. "I want to make the points last longer and keep my endurance up for the rest of the season."

The weather has kept the players off the practice courts for most of the preseason.

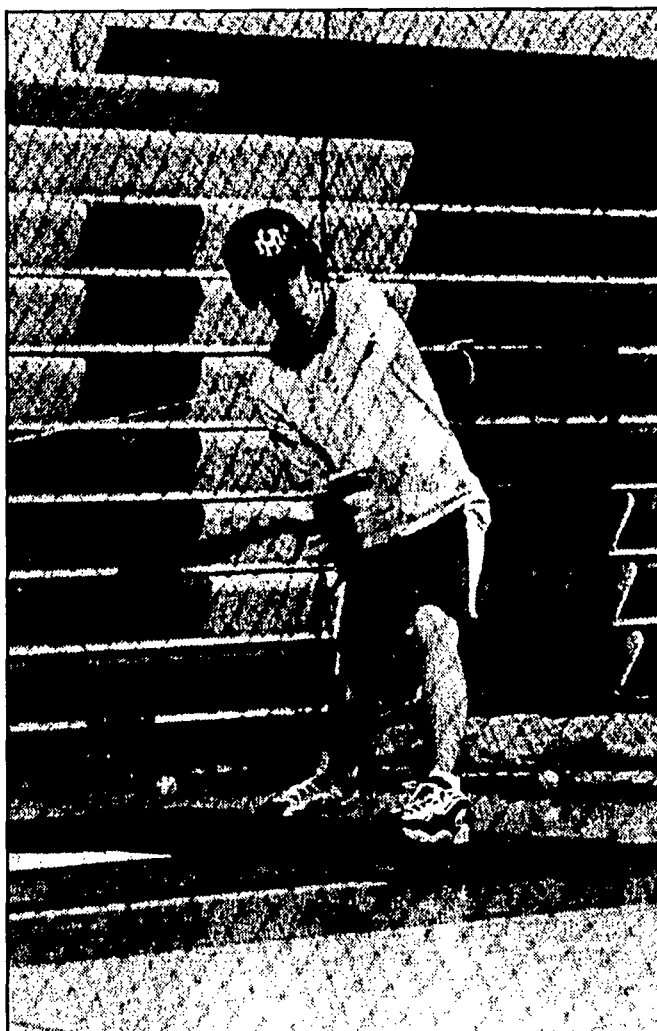
The 'Hounds' match against LeBlond was rained out Tuesday and

had been rescheduled for Wednesday, but was postponed again.

The lack of practice time will force him to change his roster, head coach P.K. Krokstrom said.

"I have been experimenting with the lineup," Krokstrom said. "With the bad weather, it will take awhile to make a definite lineup."

The 'Hounds experienced their first setback Monday with a 5-4 loss against Cameron.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Sophomore Aaron Jones and the rest of the Spoofhounds took their swings in the gym Wednesday. The team hopes to be outside at 4:30 p.m. today when it battles Cameron.

Baseball team battles weather, improves to 3-0

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Rain, rain go away, come again some other day. Chances are many high school baseball players have been repeating this familiar chant lately.

The Spoofhounds went 1-1 this week — one win, one rainout.

The 'Hounds' 3-0 mark indicates they have no problems trouncing opponents when they get a chance to play.

If practice makes perfect, catcher Russ Wiederholt said Maryville should be close.

"The only time we've even seen the field is during games," Wiederholt said. "I'm impressed and surprised we've done so well."

The Spoofhounds have been on a hitting rampage through their first three games. In the team's most recent win, a 7-2 victory over Lafayette last Thursday, the 'Hounds belted 15 hits.

Head coach Brian Lohafer said he is happy to see his team's offensive power taking shape.

"That's basically all we've been doing," Lohafer said. "What's more surprising is the lack of errors and mistakes."

Lohafer has also been impressed with the performance of Wiederholt behind the plate.

"If you know anything about baseball, you know the catcher is one of the most important positions," Lohafer said. "He's like the quarterback out there."

Maryville's next game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today at Cameron.

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Lost Innocence

Battle between children, guns leave no winner

by Sarah Phipps

The recent tragedy in Jonesboro, Ark., sparked interest in the availability of firearms to youths.

Government regulations require that a customer must be 21 years old to purchase a handgun and 18 years old to purchase a rifle.

The same age regulations apply to the purchase of bullets for the weapons.

If customers fulfill age requirements, they fill out the 44-73 Federal Firearms form.

The retailer cannot make a gun sale until the customer completes this form.

Wal-Mart is a local retailer that sells firearms to the public.

The average age of a firearm customer is 27 and 34, store manager Lonnie Scheffer said.

Wal-Mart takes extreme precautions when selling weapons, Scheffer said.

"We believe that our standards are pretty high," Scheffer said. "We do more than what the government or state requires us to do just to make sure that we do everything to qualify and stay within our restrictions."

Management must be present when a gun is purchased.

It is also Wal-Mart's policy to take the gun to the customer's car.

The store keeps the firearms locked and all the guns have safety devices on the trigger.

These safety devices remain on the gun until it leaves the store.

The store makes sure the guns are all accounted for weekly and all federal forms are filled out.

Even if all the safety precautions are there, the retailers are not obligated to sell a gun.

"If we don't feel comfortable about the sale of the gun, and if we don't feel the person is in the right state of mind or if we just don't feel good about it, we have that right to refuse the sale of that gun to anybody," Scheffer said.

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The laws for the sale of guns are strict and regulations set by the government must be followed.

If a violation occurs, the government can shut down the store and distribute heavy fines.

The government does not require a retailer to supply safety information before the gun is purchased.

However, in order to obtain a hunting license, the consumer must take a class in gun and hunting safety.

The Hunting and Fishing Shop in Tarkio does not have a policy of offering extra advice for a younger customer buying a gun.

"We feel that their parents should be able to tell them the right and wrong before they even touch a gun," Melinda Daugherty said.

Organizations such as the National Rifle Association assist parents in training children proper gun safety with a program called "Learn Gun Safety with Eddie Eagle."

The program is split into different grade levels that may be taught from preschool to sixth grade.

NRA developed the program to help prevent the loss of young lives through teaching gun safety. Their motto is "Stop! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."

The Jonesboro killings, where two young boys opened fire on their classmates and teachers, demonstrates that even with strict federal laws, children can still find access to firearms.

John Linebaugh is the owner of Linebaugh Customs Six Guns and also a gun advocate.

He believes the incident in Jonesboro is a tragedy, but tougher regulations will not prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands.

New regulations would only violate citizens' amendment rights, Linebaugh said.

There are numerous other weapons besides firearms which have the potential to cause injury to others such as cars, knives and baseball bats, Linebaugh said.

"It is not about gun control," he said. "It is about people control."

by Ashley Gerken
Missourian Staff

Parents feeling insecure about leaving their children at school has not been a major issue until the recent murders at our elementary and junior high schools. The amount of juvenile crime is on the rise and the number of 13- to 15-year-olds arrested for murder jumped from 390 in 1982 to 740 one decade later. This is a great concern for communities around

the nation and has people asking why kids kill.

"Juveniles are like anybody else," said David McLaughlin, political science professor. "If they don't have a solid foundation of standards, a strong self-identity and lack parental structure, there is a chance that child may try to find these things through different means, sometimes ending in a violent act."

Children who have had to deal with broken homes or abuse could be prone to becoming a violent person.

Often times, new students trying to fit into an unfamiliar environment will use threatening tactics against their classmates in attempt to draw attention to themselves. Easy accessibility of guns in many homes and not taking children seriously makes it easy for these threats to become a reality.

Parents and teachers need to be aware of frequent conversation or bragging about guns, threats about hurting or killing people or animals, poor relations with classmates and displaying gang attire.

There are several precautions parents and teachers can do to help prevent children from becoming violent.

"Every adult in the community must take an active role in the children's lives," McLaughlin said. "Children should not be left unattended."

When parents are unable to be there for their children the community must be willing to step in and help out.

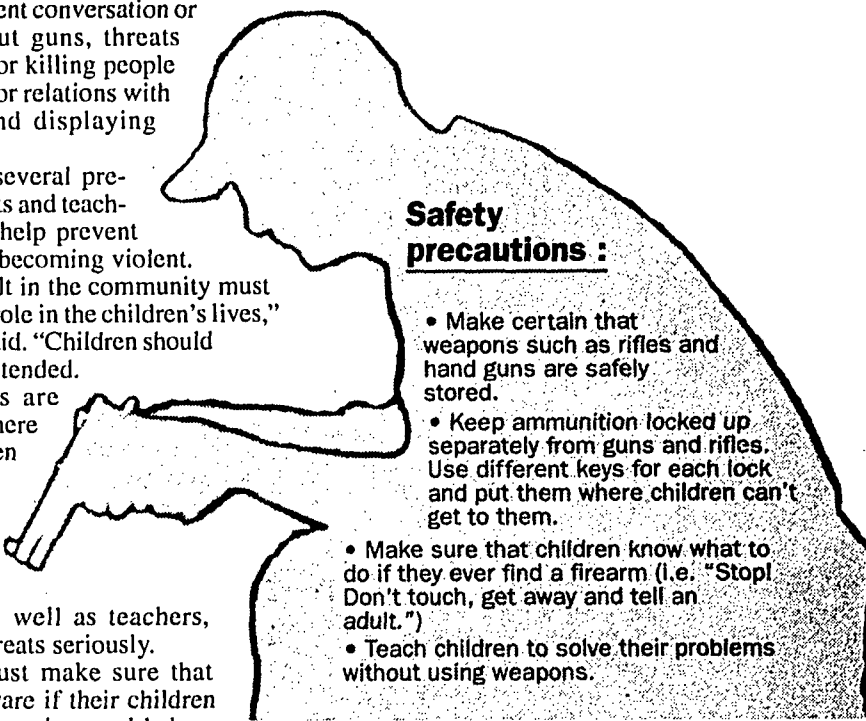
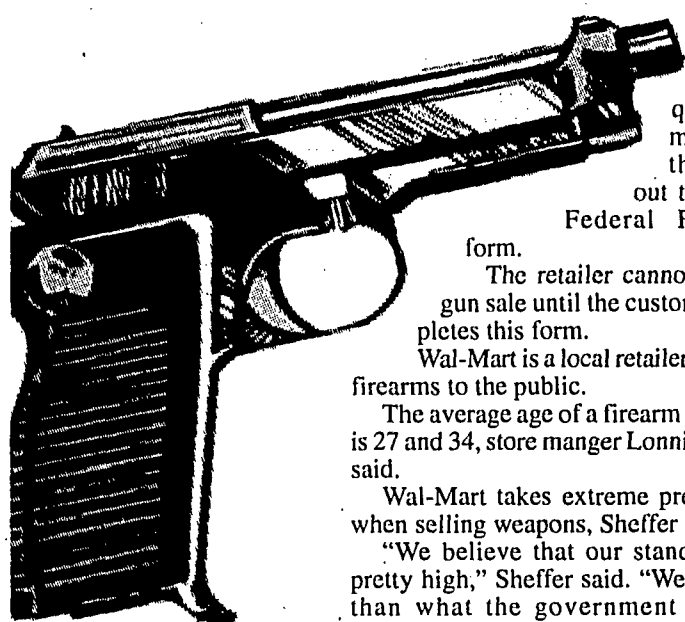
Parents, as well as teachers, should take threats seriously.

Schools must make sure that parents are aware if their children are showing any abnormal behavior and that it could result in violence.

Approaching problems and not letting their children get away with improper behavior without having to face consequences is a recommended step for parents.

The consequences for juvenile delinquents who commit murders are presently not helping with the problem.

"Punishments for juveniles is not a deterrent. It just shows that the general public is scared of children and wants to try and deal with everyone as if they were adults," McLaughlin said. "Locking up children doesn't help solve their problems, it only keeps the community safe until the children are released."



Safety precautions :

- Make certain that weapons such as rifles and hand guns are safely stored.
- Keep ammunition locked up separately from guns and rifles. Use different keys for each lock and put them where children can't get to them.
- Make sure that children know what to do if they ever find a firearm (i.e. "Stop! Don't touch, get away and tell an adult.")
- Teach children to solve their problems without using weapons.

Photo illustration by Darren Papek

Northwest: This Week's For You!

Monday, April 13

8 p.m. Northwest Night of Champions

Location: Bearcat Arena

What: All athletic events will be recognized. Coaches will be invited to brag about their team's accomplishments this season. Intramural event winners will be recognized. The steppers will perform. The Tower Queen crowning will take place. There will be many prizes given out to organizations attending, as well as individuals. KDLX will be on remote broadcast.

Who: All students, faculty and Northwest fans.

Prizes: All prizes will be won by a contest or drawing. Everyone will receive a ticket as they come in the door. No admission fee is charged. You could win any of these items, just for coming!

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Who: All students

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5:30 p.m. Honors Dinner and recognition

Location: Union Ballroom

What: Program will consist of dinner with background music provided by a jazz trio (Northwest students). A distinguished alumnus will be presenting a short speech. The Tower service awards will be presented. A new award, the "Northwest Commitment to Quality," will be given for the first time. This will be for one student, support staff, faculty and administrator that exemplifies the characteristics of the Culture of Quality.

Who: (By invitation) Tower service recipients, nominators, the President's cabinet and administrative staff

Wednesday, April 15

11 a.m.-2 p.m. One America Fair

Location: Union

What: President Clinton has announced a nationwide initiative of bridging cultural differences. In support of this we will be sponsoring exhibits from each of the multicultural organizations. They will have displays set up in rooms at the Union. In addition to these exhibits, these organizations will be compiling a booklet to give to the students at Horace Mann. The booklet will consist of a children's story from each culture. The front of the booklet will be selected in a contest of student's designs from Horace Mann.

Who: All Northwest students, Horace Mann students

7:30 p.m. Big Man on Campus

Location: Charles Johnson Theater

What: This is an annual event sponsored by Delta Zeta.

Who: All

Thursday, April 16

1-7 p.m. Carnival

Location: Bell Tower lawn area (rain location is the Armory)

What: Attractions will be virtual reality roller coaster and a bungee bull. A wax hand booth will also be provided. All organizations are being asked to sponsor booths and games at the carnival.

Who: All

8 p.m. 3 PC Suit Concert

Location: Bell Tower lawn area (rain location is Bearcat Arena)

What: Performance by a trio of Northwest alumni that began their career in pop music at NWMSU.

Who: All

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The Stroller

Your Man takes stab at dating



The Stroller

Weekly Wanderer offers advice about what to do on a first date

Your Man planned to use this space for a definitive column on the president's legal troubles — "Bill Clinton: No hope, no pants."

However, some judge decided it was OK for "Slick Willy" to drop his pants. The judge just wished that, like everyone else in Arkansas, he did it in front of a family member.

Now that spring is in full force, hormones are as jumpy as the administration after they tried to hire some guy with sexual misconduct against him. This leaves me with only one question.

Who is doing the hiring at Northwest? Sixty applicants to choose from and they hire the alleged sexual deviant. Seriously, they do a better background check when you order food for delivery. It is too bad O.J. Simpson is still looking for the real killers, or he could get a job teaching ethics here.

Your Man promises he will not say another word about that situation. This week's column Your Man will discuss dating. It's tricky. You'll have to toughen up and work on your game, but you can all do it.

If you already have a significant other, dump them. You can do better than that, can't you? Some of you can't, but the dating pool will greatly increase if everyone dumps the one they love.

The first lesson is how to find someone you are interested in. This should be easy on a college campus. Never again will you be surrounded by 3,000 members of the opposite sex all about your same age. Same age means professors and administrators do not count, however, graduate students make a lovely addition to any home.

There are some guidelines to follow. Don't set your standards too high — look in the mirror and go from there. Be honest. No one is perfect, with the exception of Delta Chis who apparently are chisled to perfection according to a T-shirt one of them was wearing.

Also, do not fall so madly in love with this person that you are picking your children's names before you have even met them. In fact, even if you are a couple never discuss this. Unless one of you is pregnant, then it will be necessary.

It's possible that you may not be able to complete the first phase. If that is the case, there are several answers to what is wrong with you.

You may be a) spending too much time in front of the computer, b) lacking in personal hygiene or c) a complete failure destined to spend the rest of your life alone.

If the latter is the case, seek out an accounting major. They are just what you need — desperate number crunchers who have no people skills.

Although it is not enough to stop there. You must get their attention. Some people send flowers, others wait until they are drunk and make a fool of themselves thus moving ever closer to dating an accounting major.

Some of the smarter people set up chance meetings that they can chalk up to fate. Others expect this person to suddenly come up and ask you out.

In that first conversation find out their interests, talk about them, not about how drunk you got last weekend. Ask them to dance — if you can dance. Swaying back and forth is not dancing, but rather an indicator that you have no rhythm.

Where to take them on that first date is very important. The first date leaves a lasting impression. While McDonald's is inexpensive, a Big Mac is not going to score high on the good impression meter (even if you super size it). A & G's Bar and Grill is an ideal place to take them.

Of course, you could always cook for them. I do not mean the microwave pizza and macaroni and cheese dinner that you normally cook, but something special. They will be impressed, assuming you do not fill the house with smoke or dump scalding hot water on yourself.

If this date goes well, you are on your own — Your Man has never passed this part of the mission. If this first date does not go so well, never fear. Like the stars in the sky, you can always find another one. Plus, accounting majors can be helpful come tax time.

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the *Missourian*.

Weekly Crossword

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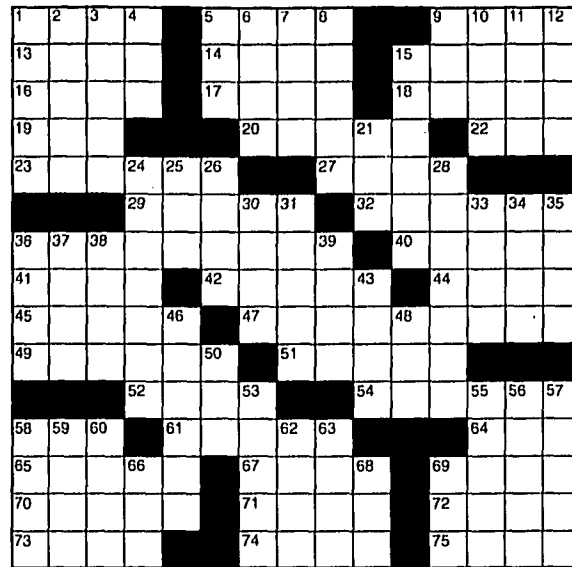
1. Flop
5. Impostor
9. Enclosed parts of trucks
13. Lana of *Superboy* comics
14. Adams of cigar-selling
15. Rapids craft
16. Alcohol lamp
17. Apple spoiler
18. Seek penance
19. Becker boomer
20. Fibbing
22. Sparks or Beatty
23. Foxy
27. Hop (2 words)
29. Q-Tips, e.g.
32. Type of sheep
36. Clarify
40. Sleek snake
41. Woman
42. Laziness
44. Get
45. Succumbs to stress
47. News item identifiers

DOWN

2. Crosspatch, draw the
3. Kind of tube
4. Links group: abbr.
5. Jazzman Tabackin
6. Rock star, often
7. Breezy
8. Pay
9. Ocelot, e.g.
10. Before long
11. Thing to pick in an argument
12. Oyster
15. More cautious
21. de plume
24. Houdini specialties
25. Doughboys' battle inits.
26. Fathers
28. Type of post
49. Plato's birthplace
51. Kite claw
52. Kind of vaccine
54. Polytheists
58. Soft shoe
61. Actor O'Neal and others
64. Rock's Steely
65. Greek salad ingredient
67. First independent Communist leader
69. Writer Wiesel
70. Thin wood strips
71. Author of *A Chapter On Ears*
72. Rescue
73. Distorts facts
74. Slave
75. Seaside structure

Answers to last issue's puzzle

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SENTINEL	LEADER	
AMORE	GINA	ROW
DEPARTING	USAGE	
AMAN	ELAN	STYLE
MOLT	ALTS	EASED



30. Like Ionesco's soprano
31. Summer ermine
33. Church art
34. Goose that frequents crosswords
35. Morsels
36. Columnist-hostess Maxwell
37. Period after Mardi Gras
38. Mormon state
39. Kelt
43. Respond to an SOS
46. Small drums
48. Haitian deity
50. Vulpine
53. Chopin and Smith
55. Ike's opponent
56. Ingenuous
57. Expression of mockery
58. Weather vane for a politician
59. Jai
60. Point out
62. Where crocodiles bask
63. Blender button
66. Type of cassette
68. One lacking grace
69. Geller's gift: abbr.

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April 23 — Lonnie Shields Band, Grand Emporium.
April 30 — Dick Dale, Grand Emporium.
May 16 — George Strait, Arrowhead Stadium.
June 6 — Pridefest '98, Bartle Hall.

Omaha

April 11 — Sarah McLachlan, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 19 — Alabama, AKSABen Coliseum.
April 21 — Urge, Ranch Bowl.
April 26 — Tone Loc, Ranch Bowl.
May 2 — Holly Cole, Ranch Bowl.
April 23 — Saviour, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

April 9 — Kinleys, Supertoad.
April 10-11 — Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, Des Moines Convention Center.
April 10-12 — "Sesame Street Live," Civic Center.
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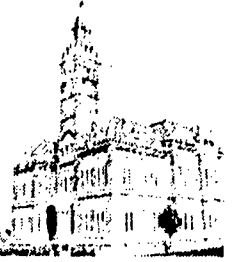
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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY



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Water bond approved by wide margin

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

The expansion of the Maryville water plant will become a reality following Tuesday's election.

The vote was passed by a considerable margin of 727 votes. The city can move to the next step of the project.

"We are in a situation whereby we can have water and pressure for the areas of the city, some which have had really serious pressure problems," City Councilman George English said.

Financing the bond will be the Council's next order of business. The city is pleased with the bond, and there was a great deal of support for it, Mayor Bridget Brown said.

"It (the passing) fits the nature of the community," Brown said. "It moves toward the growth and development of the city."

City councilmen English and Dale Mathes were also re-elected Tuesday.

English hopes the Council will accomplish the area of infrastructure of the city within the next three years.

"The fundamental problems of this city are

involved with the superstructure of the city — the water, the sewers and the streets," English said. "Our recreation of course is well underway and those types of things to me are very important, so we will have to zero in on that. There is also the development of the library that is taking place, and that is one of the things that the city is going to look at very carefully."

Mathes is serving his fourth term on the Council. He hopes the next three years key in on the Mozingo 10-year plan and the infrastructure within the city limits.

"We need to look very closely at that (infra-

structure)," Mathes said. "The streets, the asphalt streets, the permanent streets — anywhere you turn in this city you will have to look at streets."

The issues of constitutional Amendments 3 and 4 and the election of School Board members were both passed as well.

Amendment 3 passed in Nodaway County as well as Missouri. With the passage of the amendment, which has a levy set at \$4.95 for the Kansas City School district, will remain the same.

Amendment 4 of the Missouri Constitution

See ELECTION, page 5

Quick reader.
A fast grasp on the situation.

Who was elected?
George English and Dale Mathes to City Council; Robert Martin and John Redden to the School Board.

What else passed?
The water plant bond and Amendments 3 and 4.

Changes mark move of offices

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

Various offices in the Student Union will be relocated when the renovations begin in early June.

Student Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Campus Activities, Residential Life, ARAMARK and seven student organizations such as Student Senate starting May 18 will move to the second floor of the Thompson-Ringold Building.

The Bearcat Bookstore will be relocated to the former Student Health Services in North Complex.

Although most ARAMARK offices will move, the manager's office will stay in the Union for immediate access to dining services.

The moving of offices and the Bookstore is scheduled to be completed by June 1 to prepare for the summer sessions, said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs.

The new offices' locations will be in place for the next two years until the Union's renovations are completed. However, this plan could be shortened to one year, Hetzler said.

"There is a slight possibility we could move back after year one," Hetzler said. "It's just depending on the progress of the building and other needs."

Possible Garrett-Strong renovations will also impact whether offices can move back to the Union earlier, Hetzler said.

"If (Garrett-Strong) renovations start before the Union is completed, then the faculty in the Garrett-Strong may need a place to move," he said.

The offices in the Thompson-Ringold Building may not be as convenient as the current ones. The offices will be made by breaking a room into two or more. They will not have a complete wall, Hetzler said.

"We know it's somewhat disruptive," Hetzler said. "But we are trying to minimize the disruption."

The disruption is inevitable, however, Hetzler is excited to see the new Union and believes it will merit from the renovations.

Rub-a-dub-dub



Josh Wall of Alpha Gamma Rho, sings to his rubber ducky during the Zeus and Hera pageant contest Tuesday night. After the competition, Wall was crowned Zeus and Jenny Boatright of Sigma Kappa was crowned Hera. Greek Week will be April 20 through April 26.

Amy Roh/
Staff Photography

Maryville native plays vital role in United States history

We Are Maryville



■ Deputy Administrator dedicates life to military

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

A former Maryville resident will play a large role in a major transition of authority in Panama at the end of next year.

Joseph Cornelison, who is currently the deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, oversees day-to-day operations and administration of the canal.

He will help turn the canal over to Panama at noon Dec. 31, 1999, after being under the watchful eye of the United States for 85 years.

The 51-mile waterway was built by the Americans and opened in 1914. The canal, which operates with about 9,000 employees and a budget of \$700 million a year, has roughly 13,500 ships pass through annually carrying about 200 million tons of cargo.

A successful military career and

caring family connected Cornelison to the Panama Canal and his place in history.

Cornelison credits much of his success to his close-knit family. His parents, Dan and Mary Alice Cornelison, still live in Maryville, and he has two older brothers.

"My parents have been wonderful role models in their unconditional love and support," Cornelison said.

Cornelison's parents helped him develop discipline, a strong work ethic, morals and a Christian faith.

He also recalls football games with his brothers and neighborhood kids.

"Instead of telling me I couldn't play because I was too young, they always let me get in there, but I had to carry my own," Cornelison said. "That helped me learn to mature and think for myself."

After all, family ties have added a historical significance to Cornelison

“So for both of us to have a family connection ... at the beginning of the canal's history, and now to be back as the U.S. senior representative during the closeout, kind of gives an extra sense of personal satisfaction.”

■ Joseph Cornelison, deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission

duties.

Cornelison's wife's grandfather was one of the founding fathers of Panama. He was interim governor

when Panama gained independence from Columbia and he was a signer of the Panama Constitution. He was also among the dignitaries on the ship that made the first transit across the canal.

Cornelison himself has an ancestor that was one of the senior engineers and helped to build the canal.

"So for both of us to have a family connection that was there at the beginning of the canal's history, and now to be back as the U.S. senior representative during the closeout, kind of gives an extra sense of personal satisfaction," Cornelison said.

Cornelison graduated from Maryville High School in 1965, where he was very active in school activities and athletics.

"I was doing well and had a wonderful family, but at that time was not



Former Maryville resident Joseph Cornelison is the deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

See PANAMA, page 5

Q&A President, provost address questions about hiring of alleged sexual harasser

The following are excerpts from an interview with University President Dean Hubbard and Provost Tim Gilmour one week after Michael Simonson withdrew his name.



■ Dean Hubbard



■ Tim Gilmour

by Jacob DiPietro
University News Editor

Michael Simonson withdrew his name from contention as the director of the Center for the Application of Information Technology and Learning because of media awareness and coverage of sexual harassment allegations.

Simonson is facing allegations of violating university policy, creating a hostile work environment, offensive conduct and sexual harassment at Iowa State University.

Q: Why was the University community not informed about the allegations surrounding Simonson?

A: Hubbard: "I would never take everything that is said and just put it out. You have

to exercise some judgment about what you put out. People don't have a right to know gossip and innuendo."

Gilmour: "The search committee, Hubbard and I and the Board, were aware of the basic facts in the case. But, when you are dealing with personnel cases like this, you deal with issues you think need to be addressed in order to make the decision. It is not something you broadcast to the world."

Q: What do you take into consideration when revealing allegations to the public?

A: Hubbard: "I mean, suppose you find out someone went bankrupt, would you tell that to the entire community so it would influence their ability to buy a house, buy a car? That is not a matter of covering up, that is a matter of

treating people the way they want to be treated. An allegation is never serious enough that any Joe Blow on the street has a compelling reason to know."

Gilmour: "The other thing we have to remember here is all of us have rights. Individuals in this position have the right to have things like this shared only with people making the critical personnel decisions."

Q: Are you worried similar allegations could occur at Northwest?

A: Hubbard: "I still believe that people are innocent until proven guilty. Normally, that level of position would not even go to the Board. We took it to the Board because of the allegations."

Gilmour: "We've gone through all the al-

legations with a fine tooth comb. What we understand from his attorney, and some other sessions that we have had with Dr. Simonson, is there is not much foundation to these allegations. We felt when we went through it, there was every possibility that he would be found not guilty of these allegations. We did have some insurance in terms of what we would do if such behavior would manifest itself here."

Q: Why do these allegations not warrant public knowledge?

A: Hubbard: "When you hear an allegation, how do you know what kind of weight to assign to it? It is a judgment call you know. One of the things that raised our comfort level is we didn't discover it and confront him with it. The first time he interviewed, he put it on the table."

My Turn

Revelations regarding parenthood

A couple weeks ago, the McCaughey family, who had septuplets last December, were able to take their last two babies home from the hospital.



■ Jamie Hatz

I cannot imagine having seven babies, let alone all at once. I used to think having seven babies was nothing.

Poop-infested child causes nightmare

But after an eye-opening experience this summer, I learned there is a lot more to being a parent than holding a cute baby.

I was staying with my aunt, uncle and their 20-month-old precious gift, Luke, when I had this revelation about parenting.

Luke lost the title of precious gift one evening when I donated my babysitting services.

The night began with Luke and I cruising down the road singing with Barney (note: parents no longer listen to the radio) when I noticed an unpleasant smell lurking from the back seat.

My eye caught a vision of this wide-eyed bouncing baby boy playing with his poopy (baby talk) in the rear-view mirror. The precious gift had not just dirtied his diaper but left an explosion similar to World War II covering the entire back seat and car seat.

I completely lost it. While Luke giggled and cooed with his new "toy," I made an illegal U-turn and sped my way home. The smell was unbearable and literally brought tears to my eyes.

I rolled down all the windows and increased my acceleration to about 70 mph. I did not care if the police pulled me over. Once an officer saw the back seat, he would have to understand such an emergency. I entered the neighborhood, squealed into the driveway and jumped out of the car and slammed the door shut.

I had made it, and I was still breathing. The smell of fresh, nontoxic air never smelled so clean and wonderful in my whole life. As I was enjoying my freedom from the poop situation, I realized I had left Luke in the back seat.

I ran to the back seat window in a complete panic to find him still fascinated with his creation.

This bought me some time as I brainstormed about my next move on the battlefield of parenthood. My initial thought was to just leave him in the car and wait for my aunt and uncle to come home — I mean, it was their kid.

The idea was thrown out since it bordered on the lines of child abuse. I then realized I was the only one to save Luke from the fiery land of poo-pop. I placed my hand on the handle and inhaled what I believed to be my last breath of fresh air.

I looked like a complete idiot as I held Luke by the underarms and about five feet from my body. What was I going to do with a 20-month-old poop-infested child?

With the help of a garden hose and a clothes pin, I managed to clean Luke off and get him ready for bed. I sat down on the couch in complete exhaustion thanking God that this episode was over when I realized I still had to clean the back seat of the car.

When my aunt and uncle arrived home, they asked me how the night had gone. I simply smiled and said he was an angel, as I mumbled something about never having children. I was not very talkative — the evening simply wore me out.

I suddenly had an urge to call my parents and thank them for always cleaning up after me.

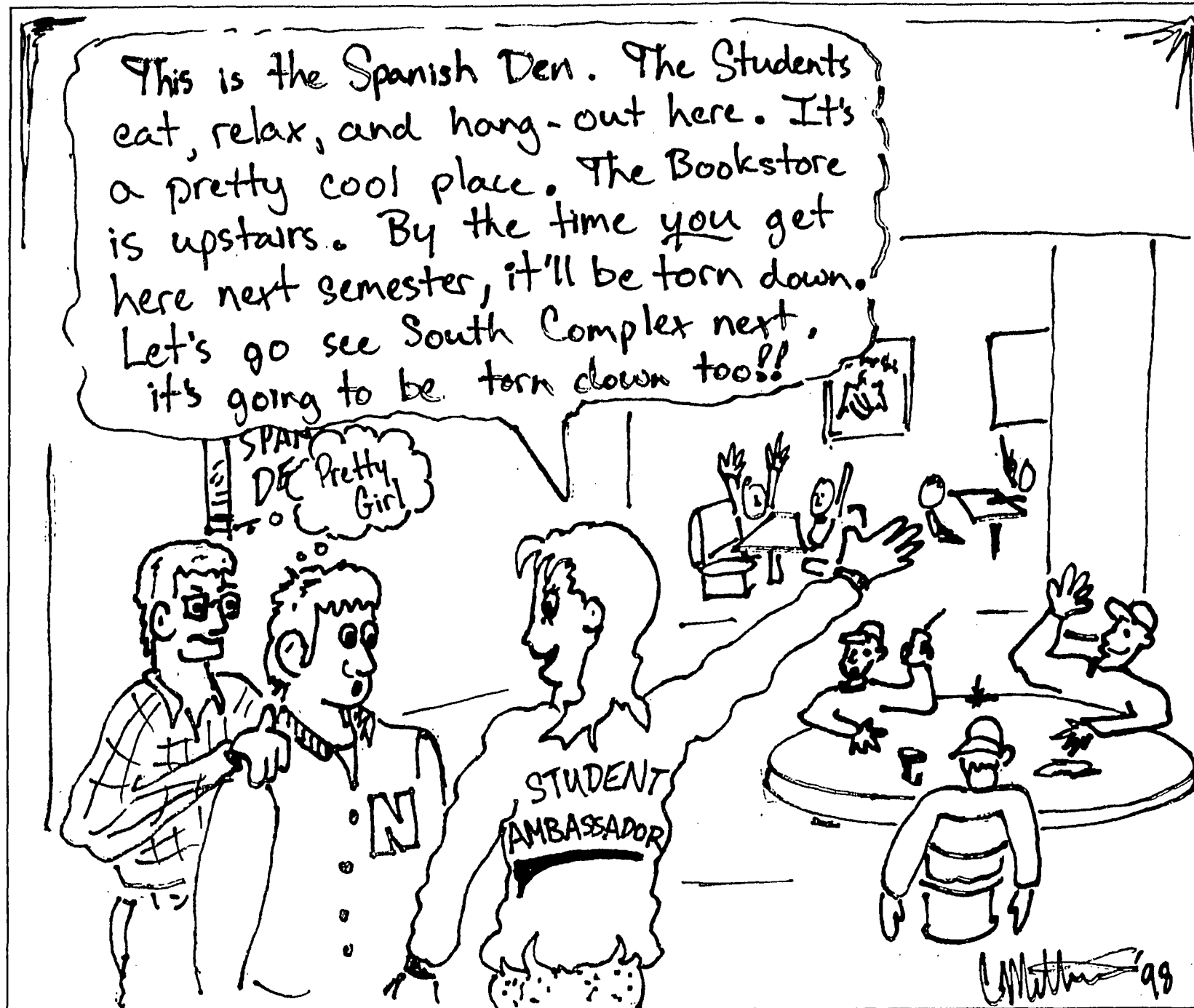
Children never truly comprehended the intense job description parents have outlined for them.

I gained an immense amount of respect for parents everywhere in the world, especially mine. Parents have the toughest jobs in the world with outrageous hours, insane requirements and the pay is almost nothing — yet, it can be the most rewarding job in the world.

As I was rocking little Luke to sleep later that night, he looked up at me with his big blue eyes and said my name. It melted my heart.

Children are the most precious gifts, and I do want some of my own — just not seven.

Jamie Hatz is the editor in chief for the Northwest Missourian.



Our View

OF THE UNIVERSITY

'And the truth shall make you free'

University administrators mishandled the circumstances surrounding the appointment of Michael Simonson.

Simonson and administrators agreed to withdraw his appointment to the Center for the Application of Technology and Learning last Tuesday, only after the Northwest Missourian revealed sexual harassment allegations against Simonson at Iowa State University.

All 10 members of the selection committee were aware of not only Simonson's qualifications but his allegations as well.

Although they knew the seriousness of these accusations, University administrators found it appropriate to withhold the information.

One of the goals of any institution of higher learning should be to convey the importance of seeking and barring the spirit of the whole truth. Ironically, Northwest decided not to reveal the entire picture to students or faculty or staff.

The picture is a bit murky now, since



an official University press release naming him the first CAITL director and his introduction to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education at a modular learning presentation in Jefferson City.

Despite the confusion on whether Simonson was ever named director, the University still stands behind their selection.

No matter if the allegations came from graduate students who Simonson had no power over, or if he is the most qualified or even if he assured administrators nothing like this would happen at Northwest; it was wrong for University staff, not only to hire

him but, to keep his allegations hidden. Northwest administrators deny Simonson was ever officially the CAITL director.

However, the University was quite clear in February that Simonson was the director because of his formal appointment by the Board of Regents. There was also

him but, to keep his allegations hidden. If the selection committee would have stood behind their selection, even in the face of these allegations, there would not be as much of a problem.

However, the University tried to hide behind Simonson's more than adequate qualifications for the position.

Administrators were not the only ones hiding. Faculty, staff and some Board of Regents members denied comment or asked for anonymity on the issue. Still, others where uncomfortable to discuss the issues and allegations, and said they were told all questions had to be handled through the news and information office.

The only conclusion left to draw is the administration purposely hid the facts.

University administrators chose to keep the allegations a secret and remain captive to the hidden truth. This contradicts the very foundation of the University's values which are engraved on the front of the Administration Building.

"And the Truth Shall Make You Free."

Maryville View

Community anticipates problem, solves it



■ David Angerer

It's awfully hard for cities and towns to get very excited about such mundane things as water treatment plants, sewer lift stations, lagoons and the like.

They are, after all, hidden from public view and it's easy to take them for granted. There's no entertainment or recreational value to these things. They are, in short, boring — at least compared to some of the more exciting public developments at Mozingo Lake or in the city park system.

Most people probably never think about their town's water or sewer systems at all — unless, of course, they quit functioning properly.

Which makes the passage of the \$4.5 million water plant bond issue in Tuesday's election quite remarkable.

The people of Maryville have a long and well-deserved reputation for investing in community growth. People here have a track record of anticipating problems before they occur and taking steps to preempt

them. That several hundred people came out Tuesday — on a cold and rainy day — and voted to increase their water rates in order to play for something as commonplace as a water treatment plant says something special about our community.

Maryvillians understand what makes a community livable and prosperous. They are deeply committed to sustaining their town's exceptional rate of growth.

Many communities lack this sense of civic responsibility and pride. In large and small communities all across America, economic development and progress are frustrated by disintegrating, obsolete infrastructure.

Desperate for new jobs and industries, communities often resort to offering giveaways and gimmicks to encourage new growth. Maryville has been right to reject these hopeless and wasteful strategies. Instead, they focus on providing "the basics" — permanent streets, cost-effective pub-

lic services and utility systems that work.

The Maryville strategy has paid off. Unemployment is among the lowest in the nation. Our industries are solid residents, here for the long-term.

Giveaways and gimmicks didn't attract them here and are not likely to lure them away from us in the future.

By giving their approval to the plan to expand the water treatment plant, the people of Maryville have given an emphatic "YES" to business expansion, the attraction of new industries and the addition of new residents to our town.

For our part, the city government is committed to delivering the finest water treatment plant possible to the residents of Maryville. And we will keep our promise not to raise your water rates by more than 5 percent. We respect the goals you have set for us and value your support for community progress.

David Angerer is the city manager in Maryville.

It's Your Turn

What do you think about Northwest hiring an alleged sexual harassment offender?



"I don't think they should have hired him especially because it happened with grad-students."

Josh Skidmore, zoology major



"I don't agree with it, and I think it is a wrong move on the part of the University."

Jessica Lummus, computer management systems major



"I think it's dangerous and kind of stupid on the part of the University, because they are taking the chance that others will be harassed."

Greg Joubert Jr., computer management systems major



"I think that the University should have never hired him, because he did have these allegations against him during the interview process."

Jeff Taylor, elementary education major



"I won't be taking any of his classes but as long as everyone knows he was accused, it's all right."

Sarah Kelley, merchandising major



"I don't think the students would feel comfortable in the room with a sexual offender."

Tom Durden, undecided major



"It really doesn't concern me that much because I don't think he is going to harass me. But if he harasses my friend, I'd kill him."

Dave DiBernardo, public relations major

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In the April 2 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Debbi Rankin's picture was mistakenly placed with Patty Howard's quote, and Manuel Ruz's name was spelled incorrectly, both in the It's Your Turn. The Missourian regrets these errors.

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Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Garrett-Strong will be the next building to undergo renovations. Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and

sciences, said the building has been moved up on a capital appropriations fund list and will be approved next year.

Renovations pending

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

Plans have been set in motion to prepare for the possible renovations of Garrett-Strong.

Garrett-Strong has been on a capital appropriations funds list in the state legislature for several years. Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences, said Garrett-Strong has been moved up on the list and should be approved in the next year.

In order for the funds to become available, the state legislature must act on Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommendation that \$15 million to go toward Garrett-Strong. The University should find out sometime near the end of April if they get the recommendation.

"We are looking at this month as the time in which we will know for

sure if we will get the funds," Barnes said.

After several months of waiting, the University received \$250,000 to aid the beginning steps of the renovation process. They expect to receive the rest of the money sometime this summer.

"We have had three meetings to discuss the new look," Barnes said. "We want to get a good idea of where we want to go with the building and have that ready to submit as soon as the money becomes available."

Faculty, staff and students are working on what should be renovated.

"That's what makes it so exciting," Barnes said. "We know that we are going to upgrade the heating and cooling systems as well as making the rooms more comfortable and modern."

"We have had three meetings to discuss the new look. We want to get a good idea of where we want to go with the building and have that ready to submit as soon as the money becomes available."

Taylor Barnes
Dean of college of arts and sciences

Northwest applauds student staff Training program benefits Campus Safety officers

■ Reception recognizes employee commitments to campus departments

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

It is often forgotten that more than 800 students are employed at Northwest.

The National Student Employment Week sponsored by the National Association of Student Employment remembered student workers this week.

Approximately 200 students and supervisors attended a reception Wednesday to recognize Northwest student workers, especially seniors graduating this year.

Mary Throener, director of human resources and the first coordinator of the student employment program at Northwest in 1994, expressed her appreciation to the students for their efforts.

"It's very important we recognize them this way," Throener said. "It's a chance to tell them we value them."

Throener coordinated a reception for the Student Employment Week in 1995, however, it was discontinued

because of scheduling conflicts. Brenda Ryan, coordinator of the student employment program, reorganized the event for this year.

Ryan informed all the supervisors to encourage their students to attend the reception.

The unexpected number of people who attended the reception pleased Ryan, and she is hoping to continue this event.

"It's a lot of fun," Ryan said. "I think students should be recognized, and it's always fun to get together. I definitely want to keep this up and hope to improve it every year."

Students are recognized for their work in each department. For example, the library employees have a appreciation party every semester.

However, Brenda Mohling, a graduating senior who works in the Student Affairs office, said for the University to have this kind of reception means a lot to the workers.

"I think it's important because students who work at all the administrative offices and any other offices on campus really do a lot of work and put a lot of effort into their jobs," Mohling said. "I think it's important to show they are appreciated and that the school supports us."

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

Campus Safety is working to improve its response to emergencies with the First Response Training program.

Campus Safety officers are participating in the program, which current police academy graduates go through as part of their training.

The program is funded by Missouri government funds.

Some of the training involves learning CPR, how to handle heavy machinery accidents, multiple wound treatment and scene assessment.

The participants are required to attend 60 hours of class, which is completed during their own time, and pass two tests.

They began the training three weeks ago and will complete the training at the end of this week.

The officers include Tom Scarbrough, Roy Gibbs, Amy Watson, Sean Wiedeir and Clarence Green along with dispatcher Amanda Nigh.

Six other Campus Safety officers have already completed the program

as part of previous training prior to becoming a Campus Safety officer at Northwest.

Green, Campus Safety director, said the program will be beneficial to the whole Northwest community because of the better service they would be able to provide.

"This program will allow the officers to respond to an emergency and better assess the situation," Green said. "It will be good all the way around for the University."

Campus Safety officers respond to all emergencies on campus.

They would even respond to any calls concerning construction workers, Green said.

Scott Chubick, Campus Safety officer is teaching the program. He is also a volunteer firefighter for Nodaway County and a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

"This program is really beneficial for the Campus Safety officers," Chubick said.

"We are responsible for the safety side of the University and that means a variety of things. They are trained on giving the care that the individual needs."



Jodi Stroborg and Danae White attend a reception to honor student workers. Approximately 200 students and supervisors attended Wednesday.

Adriana Albers/
Staff Photographer

Steppin' on up

Dance squad places 9th at competition

by Erica Smith
Advertising Director
and Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The Northwest Steppers took a step in the right direction last weekend in the National Cheerleading Association Competition in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The squad placed ninth in the Division II competition with a relatively young team.

Head coach Lori Steins said the competition was a good learning experience, especially for the new women.

"This gets them recognized as a squad rather than just dancing for Northwest," Steins said. "This also shows the nation we are proud to be dancers for Northwest."

The Steppers placed fourth in the NCA competition with a more experienced team last year.

"The routines this year were a lot harder," captain Cara Comstock said. "We did things we never tried before but with time and practice we did it."

Captain Andrea Blizzard said the competition also gave the women new opportunities.

"We have a great squad," Blizzard said. "It (the competition) gave us a chance to perform in front of a larger crowd in a different setting. It also gave us an idea of what they expect at nationals and what we should expect from the girls who try out here to have."

Saturday was the first time the women had been judged on their performance. Normally, the Steppers only perform for Northwest audiences.

"We're very happy with how we did," Comstock said. "We nailed the routine — not a flaw in it. They judged really hard, but said we had a clean routine and did a great job."

Breaking the bank



Matt Stemple attempts to break the code of the KDLX, Micky G's, Northwest Missouri \$106,000 vault at the KDLX Spring Thaw Wednesday. Students can attempt to open the vault by entering a six digit numeric code. The vault was unveiled Wednesday and will be at Micky G's, Sonic, the Union and The Pub throughout April.

Darren Papek/
Photography Director

Publications receive Missouri top honors

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

After winning numerous national awards in New York last month, student publications showed they were in the top level locally as well.

The Northwest Missourian received 16 awards in the newspaper category, while Tower yearbook swept nearly all the awards Saturday at the annual Missouri College Media Association Convention Awards Banquet in St. Louis.

The Missourian won first place for best online edition, a new MCMA category.

"I'm more than satisfied," Lesley Thacker, Missourian web editor, said. "If someone compliments (the Missourian) for something, you are never really sure if it's for the web or for the paper. There is not a lot of feedback (for the web). (This is) feedback, and a good feedback."

The Missourian web page was redesigned this semester, something other Missouri schools did not challenge, Thacker said.

Laura Widmer, student publica-

tions adviser, was pleased with the web team's efforts and success.

"I think it's great we won the first electronic newspaper award in the state of Missouri," Widmer said. "And (it's) wonderful that Lesley (Thacker) and her staff had the guidelines for what makes a great web page."

The Missourian online can be seen at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian>.

Tower yearbook '97 "Stages" received at least one award in each category, including first place for overall theme development.

"It's an honor," said Jason Hoke, design editor for the '97 yearbook. "It shows that my hard work paid off, and the hard work of the whole staff (paid off) when it comes to the first in theme development."

In individual awards, Chris Tucker, chief photographer for the '97 yearbook, won five awards, and Hoke won four awards.

"I've been working for the yearbook for five years," Tucker said. "So you better be pretty good at it after five years."

MCMA award winners

Northwest Missourian
Best online edition - first
Feature page - first, second and honorable mention
Page one design - second
Editorial section - second
Sports page - third
Special section - second
Best overall newspaper - third
In-depth reporting - third
Photo page - two honorable mentions
Feature writing - Jamie Hatz, honorable mention
Sports writing - Colin McDonough, honorable mention
Feature photography - Nicole Fuller, honorable mention
Sports photography - Greg Dalrymple, honorable mention

Tower yearbook
Overall theme development - first
Sports photography - Chris Tucker, first, second and third
Student life page design - Jason Hoke, first and second
Feature photography - Chris Tucker, second and honorable mention
Sports page design - Kerry O'Keefe, first; Jason Hoke, third
Portrait page design - Jason Hoke, first
Feature writing - Chris Triebisch, first
Personality sketch - Nate Olson, first

Cheerleaders to compete at nationals

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

After supporting Northwest teams all year, the cheerleading squad hopes to receive cheers of its own when it competes at a national competition Saturday.

The squad will compete against Division II squads at the National Cheerleading Association competition in Chicago.

Northwest received an automatic bid to the competition because of their video they submitted.

The event will give the squad a chance to see how they compare to other Division II schools, coach John Yates said.

"We will receive a score and will be able to compare that to what our competitors receive and see where we stack up," Yates said. "We should be at or near the top. Year in and year out, we tend to be at the top of the division nationally. We could come out winning the Spring Classic at Navy Pier."

Captain Keith Guilford said the team is excited about the chance to earn recognition.

"This is a chance for us to compete and show that we are one of the better teams in the area," Guilford

"We are a young squad, and this means we get to show off our talent and see how we are compared to other squads. We will be a little nervous, but we are confident. We have more variety in this year's routine, but our pyramids are strong, and we are sticking our stunts."

Karla Jewell
cheerleading captain

said. "We hope to be national champions, but we are not focused on the championship. We want to perform our routine, hit it, do the best we can and maybe end up on top."

The "Cats have been on top of the division seven times out of the past 12 years they have competed."

The squad is ready to compete and can do just as good or better than last year's fourth-place finish, captain Karla Jewell said.

"We are a young squad, and this means we get to show off our talent and see how we are compared to other squads," Jewell said. "We will be a little nervous, but we are confi-

dent. We have more variety in this year's routine, but our pyramids are strong, and we are sticking to our stunts."

The competition allows a little role reversal for the squad. "People come to watch us at the competition, so it's kind of reversed," Jewell said. "We get recognized as more than just people out there yelling for the team."

The squad has been practicing their national routine since January.

"The competition means a lot to us," Yates said. "It is good for us to get out and see where we are (compared to other squads)."

Students learn healthy habits

■ St. Gregory's annual fair offers educational experience

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Students learned more than just to eat their vegetables and to say no to drugs at St. Gregory's Catholic School's health fair Tuesday.

Kathy Lepiec, St. Gregory's nurse, coordinated the school's second annual fair.

"One of my big things is prevention," Lepiec said. "A nurse can do so much more than just putting on Band-Aids. There is a lot of value in what you can teach the children."

Ray Gable, a heart transplant recipient, spoke about sharing life through organ donations. Nate Blackford, Craig Evans and Bren Manuagh gave speeches about being physically fit. Mayor Bridget Brown also made a special proclamation.

The entire fair revolved around the theme of train engineers — from Lepiec's striped outfit to the laminated trains participants wore around their necks.

"We are looking to continue to educate the kids to make healthy choices," Lepiec said. "These kids have a lot of engineers in their life — their parents, teachers, but we are teaching them to become their own en-

gineers and to make their own responsible choices."

The fair was set up in stations, so the children could travel and learn activities as they went.

"Most of the stations are interactive," Lepiec said. "The children get to put in their input. It's all hands-on."

They learned about everything from seat belt safety to eating right to organ donations. "I learned that I should buckle up so I don't die," fourth-grader Adam Auffert said.

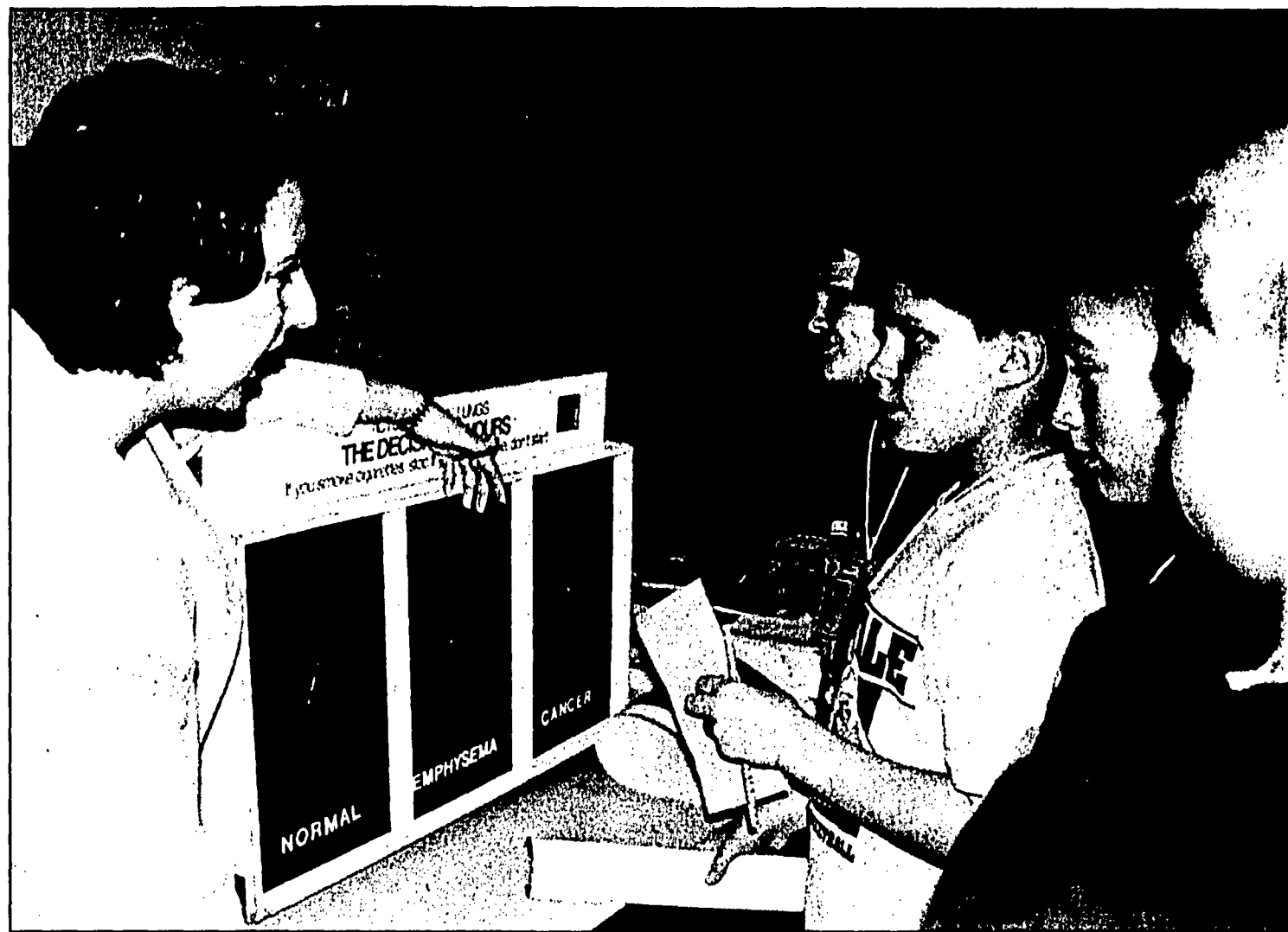
The students learned to identify food containers that closely resembled poisonous and unhealthy cleaners.

"It is important to keep the younger ones away from (poisons), and many of the older kids are babysitting and they need to be able to identify them," Lepiec said.

Northwest students from a community health class instructed students about finding their pulse and exercising.

Another station showed students the effects cigarettes have on the body. It featured a machine with a video of healthy lungs next to lungs with emphysema and cancer.

"We are mostly emphasizing second-hand smoke and its dangers," said Stephanie Erdman, multi-county health educator. "We want them to speak up and be an advocate. The lung machine is to show them the long-term effects."



Jamie Baker, of the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study, talks with students at St. Gregory's Catholic School during Tuesday's health

fair. Baker showed students the effects smoking has on lungs such as cancer and emphysema.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director



This is the view from the Fatal Vision Goggles. They are used as an educational tool to show students the effects of alcohol and drug use.

Darren Pappe/Photography Director

Goggles teach life, death lesson

by M.J. Vinson
Missourian Staff

Through the innovation of Fatal Vision Goggles, northwest Missouri youth can identify the lack of motor skills that occur during alcohol and drug use.

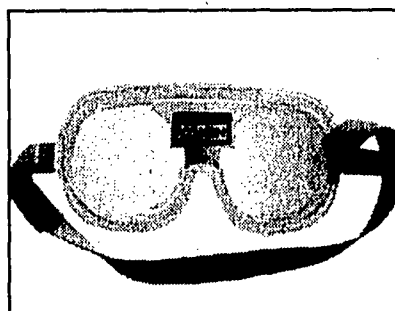
Fatal Vision Goggles are designed to distort vision and simulate the perception of a person who is legally intoxicated.

Gary Lange, captain in the Missouri National Guard, worked with many students utilizing the goggles through the Drug Reduction Program.

There are numerous implications of alcohol misuse, but Lange stresses two main points.

"If you put yourself in the situation, don't drive," he said. "And don't let a friend drive drunk."

Students wearing the goggles are challenged with interactive exercises like a heel-to-toe field sobriety test, attempting to unlock a car door, trying to play basketball, catching a football and driving a driver's education car or golf cart.



FATAL VISION GOGGLES

Joe Ensminger, Maryville High School freshman attended an interactive presentation at a Turning Resources and Energy into New Directions workshop where the goggles were introduced.

"The goggles are effective as long as they educate what the purpose of the goggles are," Ensminger said. "Wearing the goggles really reminds people to think twice about riding with someone that has been drinking or even driving under the influence."

Team Spirit is a leadership program which provides teens a chance to take an active role in preventing alcohol and other drug use. Activi-

ties with the Fatal Vision Goggles are a way to influence their younger peers.

Team Spirit and Youth Council members received a mini-grant from Alcohol and Drug Abuse through the Missouri Association of Community Task Forces.

With combined efforts, they are recognizing efforts in the community and schools by area issues and working with the Community 2000 to create solutions from a youth perspective.

A pair of Fatal Vision Goggles were purchased with the grant that was received.

Margaret Pierson, Maryville Community 2000 mobilizer, has coordinated a promotion and fundraisers which have purchased three additional pairs.

Contributors to the fund include the Nodaway County DARE, Maryville Public Safety, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, St. Gregory's student council, Washington Middle School's student council and the Maryville High School's Student Council.

Walkers step up to raise funds

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Concerned individuals will lace up their walking shoes in hopes of finding a cure at the finish line.

The annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk will be Saturday, April 18, to raise funds to further MS research. Money raised will also go toward support groups, equipment and medical care for local MS patients.

The sponsor, Missouri Business and Professional Women's Organization, named this year's event the Janel Phipps MS Walk.

Phipps was diagnosed with MS in 1984 and was able to continue working for two years. She coordinated the local walk several years ago but suffers from more severe symptoms of progressive MS.

"We're hoping that someday they'll discover a medication that will help her," Janel's mother Virginia Phipps said.

Multiple sclerosis usually affects people who are between 20 and 40 years old by randomly attacking their central nervous system.

MS symptoms vary from numbness to paralysis and blindness. The length and severity of the attacks is unpredictable.

"There is no known cause or cure

for MS," said Deb Raus-Coffey, Maryville MS Walk coordinator. "But, the more money we can raise through events like the MS Walk, hopefully, in the future, we can find a cure for MS."

Teams of four or more can register. Volunteers for Maryville's walk are still needed.

Pre-registration has already begun for the event. Forms can be picked up around campus, at area grocery stores, at KNIM or by calling Raus-Coffey at 582-8432.

Money will be raised through pledges which must also be turned in the day of the walk. Every participant with pledge money totaling \$75 will receive an official MS Walk T-shirt.

Additional prizes for higher pledge totals include Eddie Bauer gift certificates, compact disc player mini-systems and Vanguard Airlines tickets.

Participants will begin at Maryville High School and continue their walk through residential areas. The route will end at the high school where each participant will receive a medallion.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is attempting to pair a walker with each of the 280 million people registered with MS.

Important Support

A nationwide multiple sclerosis teleconference is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

The conference for area residents will be in the Hospitality Room at St. Francis Hospital. Each support group participating will have the opportunity to ask doctors questions on developments in multiple sclerosis research and treatment.

Regular meetings of the MS support group are the last Saturday of every month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Friends and family of people with multiple sclerosis are welcome. For further information, contact Sally Tennihill at 562-3339.

In Brief

Fraternity sponsors hunt, school program

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. Friday at Horace Mann Elementary School.

The event is for children in the Horace Mann after-school program.

MHS senior among Missouri's top 100

A senior from Maryville High School was selected for the Missouri Scholars 100.

Kari Baumgartner was nominated for the statewide program which hon-

ors 100 of Missouri's outstanding academic students in the class of 1998.

Students are nominated by their schools and selection is based on 10 requirements.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.75, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a SAT score of 1300, be ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class and have taken upper-level courses in mathematics, science, English and foreign language.

The student must also have good attendance and be involved in school activities.

The program is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals.

Area church presents annual Easter drama

The Community of Faith Church will have their annual Easter performance at 7 p.m. April 11 and at 10:30 a.m. April 12 at the church located at 921 E. Third St.

This year's drama, "The Other Carpenter" is a fictional story about the man who made the cross where Christ died.

Scotty Wall, associate pastor and music director, is directing seven congregation members in the theatrical attraction.

The drama is open to the public and is free.

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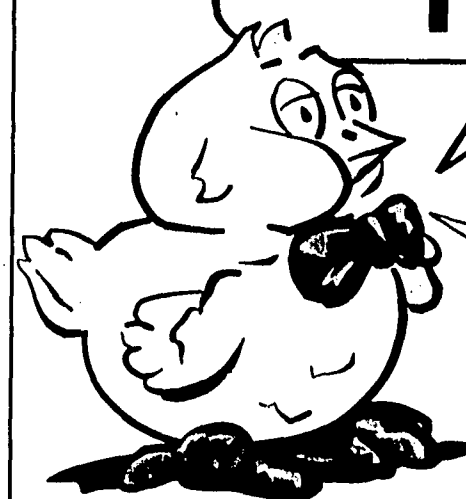
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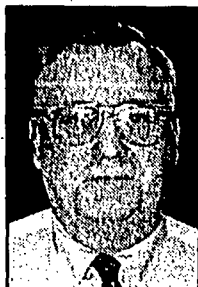
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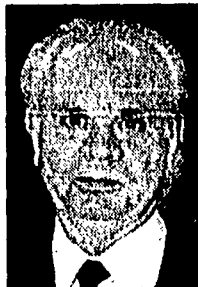
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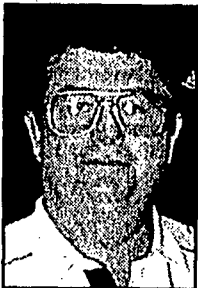


■ Dale Mathes



■ George English

School Board members



■ Robert Martin



■ John Redden

also passed both in Nodaway county and the state.

The motion was to increase the bond to 15 percent from the current rate of 10 percent.

"I'm very pleased that Amendments 3 and 4 passed," said Gary Bell, Maryville R-II school district superintendent. "I can't really say what Amendment 3, as far as dollars, will mean to the district, but there's the opportunity for more money to flow back through the state to fund categorical programs."

Bell was also extremely pleased that Amendment 4 passed because it will give all districts the capability to increase their bond indebtedness to 15 percent of the assessed evaluation.

Along with the amendments, Robert Martin and John Redden were re-elected to the School Board.

"We're heading in the right direction. We're addressing the issues we need to be addressing — the facility and our area of technology," Martin said.

Redden wants to make a move ahead and see the completion of several projects.

"What I'm going to push forward in the next three years is getting some buildings completed, projects completed and the general day-to-day business," Redden said.

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really financially set," Cornelison said. "Any opportunity to go to college close to home was some what remote."

Cornelison had some people take a significant interest in him and encouraged him to try and get into the military academy at West Point Academy in New York.

He applied to West Point and was accepted in the summer of 1965. Cornelison did not intend to make a career in the military, but he had to fulfill a five-year service obligation for receiving an education.

"So I went into it with an open mind of, 'well, we'll see what happens,'" Cornelison said.

Cornelison graduated from West Point in the top 10 percent of his class in 1969.

Soon after, Cornelison volunteered in Vietnam where he served for one year. As the United States was beginning to withdraw troops, Cornelison was given the opportunity to return to the states with his unit or be reassigned elsewhere in Vietnam. He chose to volunteer for an additional six months.

Cornelison, whose poems from Vietnam adorn the walls of his parents home, said the Vietnam experience was different for everyone.

"I was blessed in the sense that I had a fair number of close calls, but I survived without any physical or emotional injuries," Cornelison said.

As his five-year obligation came to an end, Cornelison did not want to stay in field artillery, but he had taken interest in the field of law.

At that time, the military offered programs that sent officers back to earn degrees in subjects such as medicine, English, history and chemistry. Unfortunately, there was not a program for an advanced law degree.

Cornelison decided he was going to leave the military and attend law school. Coincidentally, during his preparation, Congress passed a law that allowed services to send 25 officers to law school on a fully-funded basis.

Cornelison was sent to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and graduated in 1977.

He spent one more year at Georgetown with the army's permission as a clerk to the judge in the federal district court. He was transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corp for three years of law school.

"By that time, I had served close to 15 years of service," Cornelison said. "It didn't make sense, but I still liked the army. It doesn't make sense now. I ended up staying in it for a full career."

Soon Cornelison's career took him to Panama in 1985 as the senior law-

yer for the army.

He fell in love and was married in Panama. Cornelison and his wife, Ella Carter Cornelison, met on a blind date. At the time, she was working for the Panama Canal Commission and she had been the executive secretary to the administrator for the canal.

Cornelison returned to the United States in 1989. His wife took an early retirement to return back to Washington D.C. with him, where they lived for about six years.

Cornelison was deciding what to do during the remainder of his professional life when he heard the job of deputy administrator was opening.

Cornelison became interested in the job. The couple knew many people in Panama and his wife had worked closely with the office. The chairman of the board of directors was also a West Point graduate.

"(The chairman) said to stay in touch and then, out of the blue six-to-nine months later, I got a call saying that the deputy administrator in Panama was retiring and asked if I was interested in going down to Panama," Cornelison said.

Cornelison and his wife decided to make the move. Although, it wasn't quite that simple.

The deputy position was a presidential appointment. The chairman of the board was interested if Cornelison

wanted the position, but he had to go to the White House and get an endorsement from the office of presidential personnel and ultimately the approval of President Clinton.

"We weren't sure if we could do that because I, in the course of a military career, hadn't been involved in politics at all," Cornelison said.

Letters were written in support of Cornelison's appointment and the approval was made.

He retired from the military in June 1995 and moved with his wife to Panama in July. He was sworn in as deputy administrator July 12.

During the presidency of Jimmy Carter, the decision was made to give the canal to its native country.

The Carter-Torrijos Treaty was signed on Sept. 7, 1977, and it called for a 20-year transition period.

When the canal is turned over to Panama, Cornelison's position as deputy administrator of the U.S. Government Agency will end.

"It's a little early to know what's going to happen at that point," Cornelison said.

Most likely, a Panamanian will become deputy administrator and Cornelison will stay on to close out U.S. responsibilities.

"Then, we'll see what the good Lord has in store for us," Cornelison said.

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Public Safety

March 30

■ An officer took a report of gates at Mzingo being damaged. It appeared that someone had driven through them destroying them and damaging the corner posts and wire.

March 31

■ An officer served a warrant for failure to appear to Demetrius G. Yarbrough, 23, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Erin K. Moore's vehicle was hit while parked in the 300 block of North Main Street by an unidentified driver.

April 1

■ Shelbi J. Nelson, Maryville, was backing from a driveway and struck the vehicle of Kristy M. Taylor, Maryville. Nelson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer took a report of a fe-

male failing to stop for a school bus stop sign while it was unloading at the intersection of Second and Davis streets.

■ An officer served a warrant for driving with a suspended license to Jason T. Growcock, 25, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Katrina M. Rader was backing from a driveway and struck the vehicle of Jon P. Mitchell. Rader was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Earnest E. Collins Jr., Maryville, was stopped next to Bradley J. Nielson, Maryville, at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets. When the light turned green, Collins turned right and Nielson turned right and struck Collins. No citations were issued.

■ Shane M. Hilton, Maryville, was issued a summons for allowing a dog to run at large.

April 2

■ Ray Guilford, Salisbury, was doing work at T&T Car Wash. He attempted to pull forward and ran over

the right leg of Samuel Guth, who was lying on the ground doing some work. Guth was transported to St. Francis Hospital. No citations were issued.

April 3

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 300 block of North Main Street, the rear tailgate received a dent in it.

■ Gary L. Proffit, Maryville, had his vehicle hit by an unidentified driver in the Bearcat Lanes parking lot.

■ Laura M. Ward, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign and proceeded into the intersection of Buchanan and Second streets. Ward's vehicle was struck by Heather K. Lutz, Lee's Summit, who was northbound on Buchanan Street. Ward was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Fire units responded to a garage fire north of Maryville. Upon arrival, the owner had the fire under control. The cause was determined to be from a piece of plastic, which was hanging from the ceiling, touching a stovepipe. The heaviest fire damage was in the northeast corner with

damage to several tools and equipment. The rest of the structure suffered from minor smoke and fire damage.

April 4

■ A Maryville male reported that the front window and front door window at his residence in the 500 block of Prather Avenue was damaged.

■ An officer was on patrol in the 500 block of West Edwards Street when he observed a male subject holding a bottle. The officer observed the subject hiding the bottle. The subject was identified as Anders J. Lindburg, 20, Lincoln, Neb. After it was determined that the bottle contained an alcoholic beverage, Lindburg was issued a summons for minor in possession and released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 600 block of East Third Street, the passenger side mirror had been broken.

■ An officer issued a summons to Randy L. Mires, 21, Maryville, for assault following an incident in the

1300 block of South Main Street.

■ A Maryville female reported that someone had written a phrase on the side of her residence with what appeared to be mud.

April 5

■ A summons was issued to Michael R. Simpson, 32, Maryville, for assault and property damage. This followed an incident in which another male subject was kicked and windows were broken at a residence in the 100 block of North Water Street.

■ An officer served a warrant for failure to appear to Sara R. Midyett, 21, St. Joseph. She was released after posting bond.

■ Jamie R. Schroeder, Maryville, had her vehicle hit by an unidentified driver in the Rosewood Apartment parking lot.

April 6

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 1500 block of South Munn Street.

■ An officer took a report that a 7-year-old Maryville male had been

bitten by a dog in the 300 block of North Vine Street. The dog was taken in for observation.

■ An officer served a warrant on Nathaniel S. Rude, 21, Parkville. He is being held for bond.

■ Kelly M. McElfresh, Hopkins, struck the vehicle of Elaine T. Miller, Maryville, causing Miller's vehicle to strike Victoria L. Shipley, Burlington Junction. McElfresh was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

April 7

■ An officer in the 1100 block of North Main Street observed a vehicle pull from a parking lot and accelerate excessively. The driver was identified as Robert G. Ross III, 21, Maryville. While talking with Ross, the officer detected an odor of intoxicants. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol level tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Whistle while you walk



Darren Papek/Photography Director

The Panhellenic Council sponsored an Alzheimer's walk Tuesday at the Maryville Health Center. (Left to right) Dean Davis, Kit Morgan, Ruth Walkup and Erin Mowery reminisce outside. It's a time for the young and old to come together and stimulate lost memories.

Obituaries

Thelma Cross

Thelma T. Cross, 98, Hopkins, died March 24 at the Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 8, 1900, to William and Annabelle Breezley in Yorktown, Iowa.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice O'Riley and Carole Davison; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were March 26 at the Wray United Methodist Church in Hopkins.

Ruby Martin

Ruby Brown Martin, 80, Hopkins, died March 24 at her home. She was born March 12, 1918, in Blanchard, Iowa.

Survivors include four daughters, Lucille DeLap, Eloise Liles, Sharon Wells and Eileen Martin; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five sisters.

Graveside services were March 28 at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Allene Wilkinson

Allene S. Wilkinson, 75, Maryville, died March 24 at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born Aug. 27, 1922, to Jessie and Wesley Spradlin in Burnside, Ky.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Jane Hagan; three grandchildren; and three sisters.

Services were March 26 at the First Christian Church in Maryville.

Emma Powell

Emma Powell, 92, Ravenwood, died March 27 at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 26, 1906, to Lorena and Thomas Freeman in Maryville.

Survivors include two daughters, Cleola Brandt and Shirley Vulgamott; two sons, Loyd and Kenny; and eight grandsons.

Services were March 31 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Laura Schleber

Laura Isabelle Schieber, 75, Conception Junction, died March 28 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 2, 1917, to Emma and Bernard Eickholt in Ravenwood.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Fennell, Ruth Kemper and Mary Jo; five sons, Richard, William, Phillip, Stephen and Mark; 21 grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were March 31 at the St.

Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction.

Crystal Long

Crystal Charlene Long, 76, St. Joseph, died March 30 at Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph.

She was born April 18, 1921, to Loron and Crystal Long in Ravenwood.

Survivors include three nephews and two nieces.

Services were last Friday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville.

Leonard Still

Leonard Eugene Still, 38, Ingram, Texas, died April 3 at his home.

He was born July 6, 1959, to Helen and Leonard Still, in Maryville.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; one son, Michael; four daughters, Savannah, April, Chelsea and Katie Graham; two sisters; and his mother.

Graveside services were Wednesday at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Maryville.

New Arrivals

Megan Marie Winghart

Tom and Kathy Winghart, Maryville, are the parents of Megan Marie, born March 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds. Grandparents are Myron and Mary Solberg, Waupaca, Wisc.; and George Winghart, Mequon, Wisc.

Dulanie Jade Abplanalp

Ben and Brenda Abplanalp, Hopkins, are the parents of Dulanie Jade, born March 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds. Grandparents are Richard and Rosa Williams, Grant City; Nick and Brenda Abplanalp, Denver; and Ron and Onedia Wolverson, Hopkins.

Lauren Allewe Martin

Doug and Evilyn Martin, Maryville, are the parents of Lauren Allewe, born March 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother.

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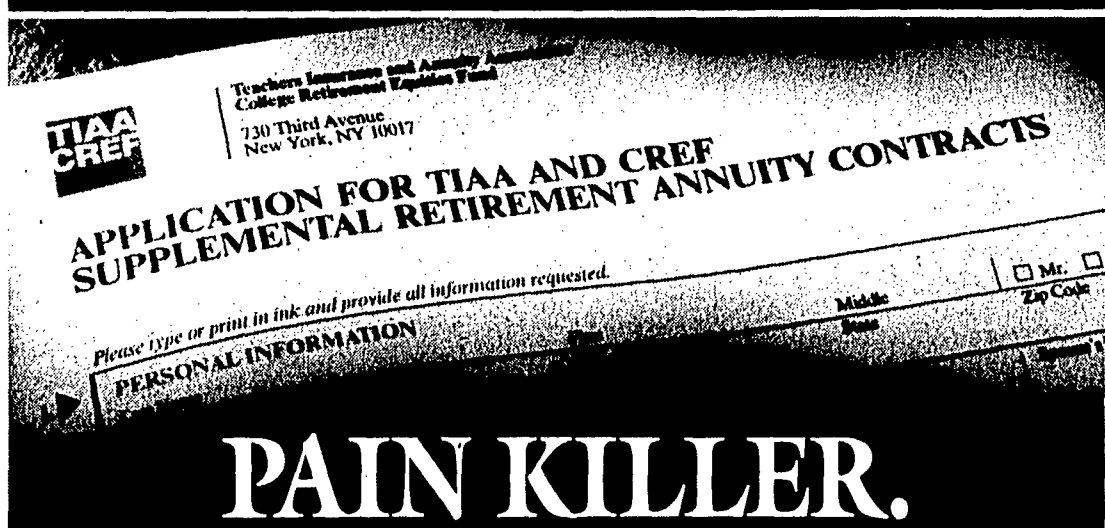
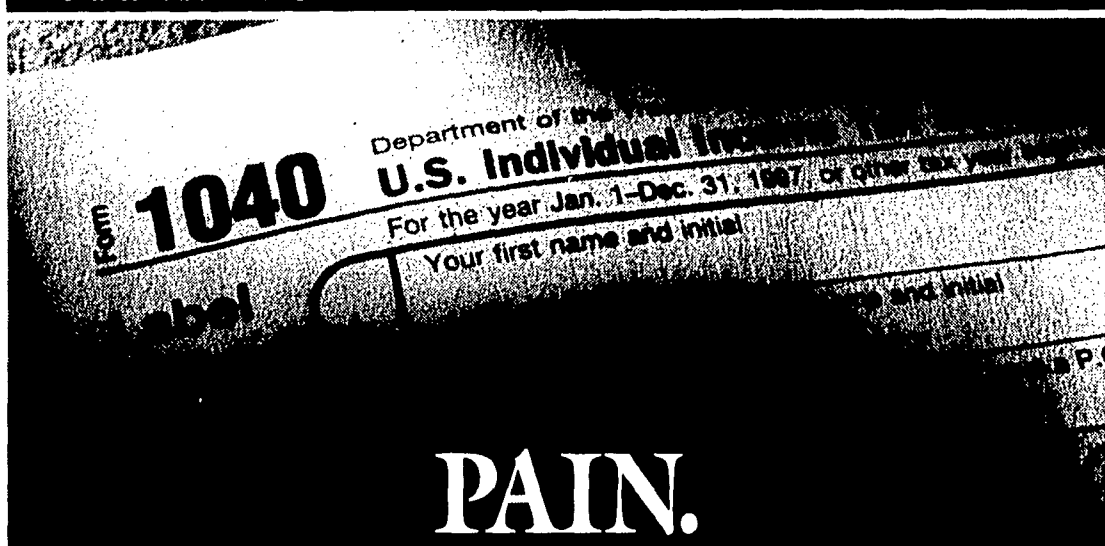
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Softball prepares for Griffons

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

MIAA competition is on the minds of the softball players, as they face conference rival Missouri Western State College today at home.

The last time the 'Cats took on the Griffons, they split a doubleheader. Head coach Pam Knox said this matchup should be a test of their improvement.

"If we keep our focus, we could come out 2-0," Knox said. "We still haven't played our best softball yet. These will be tough games for us, but the great thing is that we will be at home. We will try to make the best of having home-field advantage."

First baseman Sue-ann Zeiger also has high hopes for the games against Missouri Western.

"I hope the weather clears up," Zeiger said. "We are ready to play. I know we can beat them; we just need to stay focused. We must play at the level we are capable of at every game if we are going to do well in conference."

The squad goes into the game with the Griffons carrying a 17-10 overall record, 5-3 in MIAA action and several injuries.

Shortstop Sara Moss is out after re-injuring her shoulder, while Marta Hayes is also nursing a shoulder injury. Catcher Karla Stoll is out with a bruised leg and starting right fielder Erica Pfeifer is out with a sprained ankle after Saturday's games.

The 'Cats were supposed to take on Emporia State University Tuesday, but the games were postponed because of rain. The doubleheader was rescheduled for 2 p.m. April 16 at Emporia.

Contributing to the 'Cats' strong record was the team's split Sunday against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The women knocked off the Miners in the first game with a 9-1 shellacking.

The 'Cats' effort began in the second inning as outfielder Darcie Heitschmidt launched a two-run



Michelle Hibbs steps to the plate and takes a ball in Saturday's game against Lincoln University. The 'Cats won the doubleheader 7-2 and 15-4. Hibbs was 2 for 4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored.

home run that put the team up 2-1. The Bearcats sent 12 batters to the plate in the third inning, scoring seven runs on four hits and one error, locking up the victory. Zeiger drove in two runs in the inning.

Pitcher Carrie Ledesma gave up just one run while allowing only five hits, notching the win.

In game two, the tables were turned. The 'Cats were down 2-1 after two but came back with RBI's by Moss and second baseman Lindy Tomlinson. The 'Cats were up 4-2 after Zeiger added a two-out RBI single in the top of the seventh.

However, the women could not hold on, and the Miners came back to score three in the bottom of the seventh, to win 5-4.

"We had no business losing to Rolla — it was a total lack of focus," Knox said. "We just weren't doing things. We were striking out, swinging at bad pitches. Communication

fell down and we were throwing to the wrong bag. We totally went dead. We weren't excited, our bench was quiet and we were making poor decisions, and they took advantage of it. I hope this is a learning experience for us. It should never happen again."

The women swept Lincoln University the day before, 7-2 and 15-4.

In game one, outfielder Michelle Hibbs led the team with a three-run home run that thrust the team into the lead 3-2 in the bottom of the second inning. Catcher Melissa Angel knocked in another run for the 'Cats in the inning making it 4-2.

The 'Cats never relented and took the game 7-2.

Outfielder Kendra Smith and Moss contributed two hits each to the effort as well.

Michele Ansley picked up the victory for the 'Cats on the mound.

In game two of the doubleheader,

Northwest tallied 15 runs and 12 hits in just five innings to pummel the Lady Tigers 15-4.

The women took an early 6-0 lead before allowing three runs in the top of the third. The Bearcats then answered back with four runs in the bottom of the third.

The team tacked on five more in the fifth, extending the lead to 15-3. Lincoln scored just one more run in the fifth, finishing off the 15-4 victory.

Smith led the 'Cats offensively scoring four runs, while outfielder Marcy Ruckman and second baseman Shannon Brennan each drove in three.

Pitcher Andrea Kearns struck out five and gave up just one earned run en route to notching the victory.

"We still haven't put everything together and played our best softball yet," Knox said. "The day we do that, no one will be able to touch us."

Rain delay

'Cats postpone game, stand at 13-10 overall

■ Injuries plague team, weather delays matchup

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

Another cancellation for the Northwest baseball team Wednesday may help it overcome some recent injuries.

The 'Cats were scheduled to play Lincoln University, but the contest was canceled because of rain. They are 13-10 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

Senior pitcher Mike Hollister (4-1) separated his right shoulder Monday diving for a ball in practice.

Hollister's injury came in addition to those of junior catcher Rusty Lashley, who is out with a leg injury; and junior centerfielder Keon Patton, who is suffering from a sore shoulder.

Lashley and Patton are both starters. Patton has led the 'Cats offense this season with a .354 batting average and leads the MIAA in steals.

"(Patton's injury) takes some speed away from us, and it keeps us from scoring some runs," said Troy Gerlach, junior third baseman.

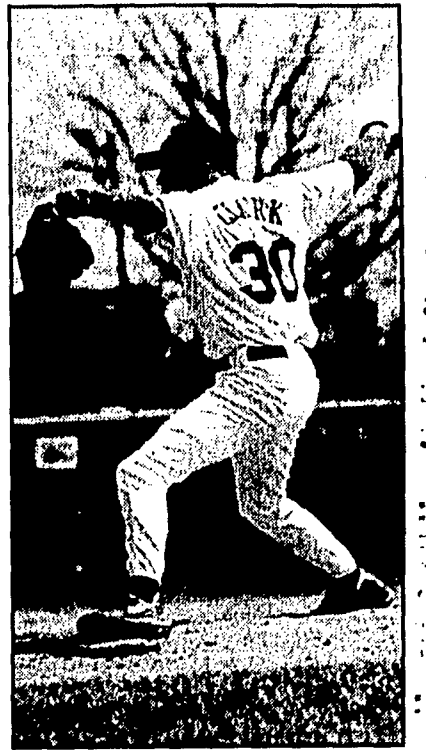
Overall, Coach Jim Johnson is pleased with what his team has accomplished this far in the season.

"Our pitching has been really good and our ERA is respectable," Johnson said. "Defense is playing well, although the outfield has been shaky and some players have been moved around."

Although, the 'Cats need to improve their offense, Johnson said. The team is batting .291 and averaging four runs a game.

"We're hitting well with nobody on base, but we're not hitting well with runners in scoring position," Johnson said. "We're just not scoring a lot of runs."

What the 'Cats do have going for them is their ability to come back in



Amy Roth/Staff Photographer
Pitcher Doug Clark releases the ball toward the batter in Saturday's doubleheader against Emporia State.

late innings or a tough loss with a constant effort, Johnson said.

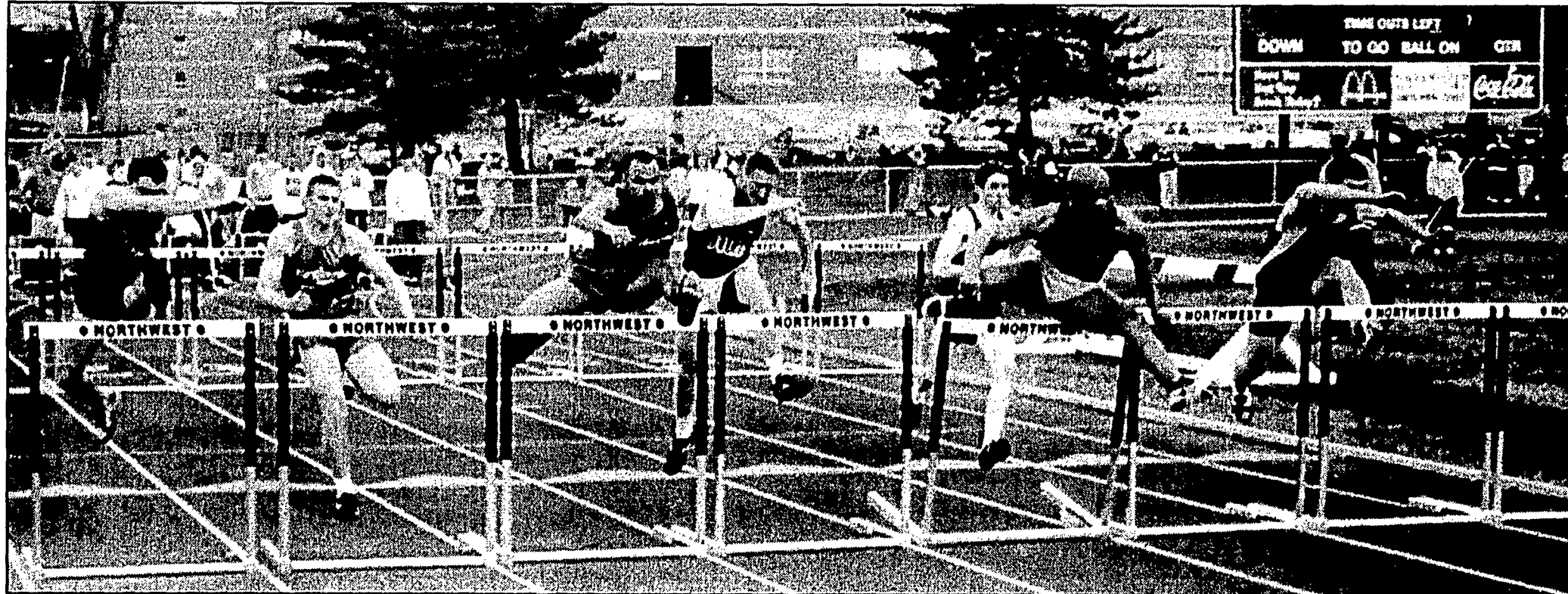
Emporia State beat Northwest in the opening game of the three-game series, 18-6, but Northwest came back and took two games from the Hornets, 3-1 and 7-5, on March 29.

The 'Cats also took a beating from Missouri Western State College in the first half of a doubleheader Saturday, 16-4. Then they came back in the nightcap to pull out a 3-2 win.

Northwest's season begins to wind down as they travel to Truman State this weekend for a three-game series.

The 'Cats are in fifth place in the MIAA and are confident that they have a good chance of winning a lot of games down the stretch.

"We're in good position," Johnson said. "Anything can happen."



Freshmen Ryan Best and Jason Greer (second and third from left) run in the second heat of the 110-meter hurdles Saturday at the Northwest Invitational. Greer placed sixth in the event. The men's team placed second in the meet, its first of the outdoor season. The 'Cats won on the women's side. The Bearcats will compete at Emporia State Saturday.

Women win Invitational, men finish second

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The men's and women's track teams jumped out of the starting blocks Saturday and left the competition in the dust as they competed in their first outdoor meet.

The women will try to maintain top form as they take on conference competition at the Division II Challenge at Emporia State University.

Elisa Koch, junior middle-distance runner, said the team should be a strong competitor.

"I think we can win the meet if everybody performs like we did (at home)," Koch said. "Emporia will be our toughest competition at the meet. Hopefully, we will do what we need to do and get it done."

The team goes into the meet on a

high note after the win at home last weekend. The women defeated 18 teams including Division II, III and NAIA competitors at the Northwest Invitational.

"We competed favorably against excellent teams and outstanding athletes," Williams said. "This was our first outdoor meet of the season and indicated some strengths and weaknesses."

Senior Julie Humphreys led the team placing first in the shot put and second in both the hammer and discus. She provisionally qualified for outdoor nationals in all three events.

Junior Brandy Haan took first in the 100-meter dash, provisionally qualifying for nationals, and second in the 200-meter dash just missing the provisional mark.

Sophomore Jill Eppengaugh also

provisionally qualified for nationals with her second place finish in the hammer throw.

Junior Jashelle Sasser picked up a first in the triple jump and a second in the high jump. Senior Misty Campbell notched a first-place finish in the javelin, while freshman Diana Hughes finished on top in the long jump.

"We weren't supposed to beat UNO (the University of Nebraska-Omaha), but we pulled through and everybody pulled where they needed to," said Amber Martin, junior middle-distance runner. "For our first meet, we came out well and look good for the season."

Men place second in home meet

The men's team started their season off on the right foot as it finished

second in its first meet of the season.

The team will look to continue that streak as they travel to Emporia State Saturday.

"We are in position to do well, we just need to concentrate on improving ourselves," head coach Rich Alsop said. "If we are going to do well as a team, it's going to take several individuals doing well."

The men go into the meet coming off a second place finish last weekend at the Northwest Invitational.

The men were led by seniors Damon Alsop and Chad Sutton who earned the team's only first-place finishes in the javelin and high jump, respectively.

Sophomore Joe Reichert and freshmen Joe Glab and Tucker Woolsey picked up second, third and fourth in the shot put, respectively.

Reichert also notched a third-place finish in the discus. Junior Robby Lane took second in the 5000-meter run and third in the 1500-meter run, while sophomore Matt Abele placed second in the 200-meter dash.

"We had no idea where we were compared to the other teams," Alsop said. "We had great competition and performances from all of the team. We hung in there and did a good job. We could have done better in some events, but some people jumped out and surprised us. Some of the men ran awfully well and didn't place."

"I think the team did fairly well with the people we had," junior vaulter Tommy Lesley said. "The people we had did really well. We are looking forward to the meets coming up. We should be able to keep up with most of the people we'll face."

Athletic Shorts

Basketball player named all-America

Senior guard Shawn "Shakey" Harrington was named a fourth-team all-America selection by Division II Bulletin, the publication that covers NCAA Division II basketball.

Harrington, a 5-11 point guard, helped lead the Bearcats to the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time since 1989.

Harrington led the MIAA in steals in 1997-98, averaging 2.3 per game. He also ranked second in assists, dishing out 4.6 a contest. He scored

13.3 points per game, 13th in the MIAA and was fifth in free throw percentage, hitting 76.6 percent of his opportunities from the charity stripe.

Earlier this year, Harrington was named Most Valuable Player of the MIAA, first-team all-MIAA and first-team all-Region.

Recreation office supplies information

An information packet for adult summer softball is available at the Maryville Parks and Recreation office.

Registration for summer softball will be April 13 through May 1. The team fee and a minimum of seven player fees with signed contracts are required at that time.

For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Special Olympics offers golf tourney

A golf tournament sponsored by the Maryville Treatment Center and Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron will be May 8 at the

Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

The tournament is part of Missouri's Special Olympics efforts to expand their year-round program to include more eligible participants.

Special Olympics is looking for sponsors for the tournament by the donation of door prizes or monetary sponsors.

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the athletes in the north-west Missouri area.

If you would like more information, have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Mike Gironato at (660) 582-6542 or Melody Prawitz at (816) 233-6232.

Swim coach needed for summer team

The Maryville Parks and Recreation office is looking for a summer swim team coach.

Applicants must have a background in swimming and coaching.


The swim program lasts six weeks. Practices are from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 1.

There are approximately seven to 10 swim meets per summer and approximately 80 swimmers on the team. Four assistant coaches help with

practices and meets.

Those interested should submit applications to Maryville Parks and Recreation at P.O. Box 438 Maryville, MO 64468.

For additional information contact the office at (660) 562-2923 or fax them at (660) 562-3729.



Time Out
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Lost Innocence

Battle between children, guns leave no winner

by Sarah Phipps

The recent tragedy in Jonesboro, Ark., sparked interest in the availability of firearms to youths.

Government regulations require that a customer must be 21 years old to purchase a handgun and 18 years old to purchase a rifle.

The same age regulations apply to the purchase of bullets for the weapons.

If customers fulfill age requirements, they fill out the 44-73 Federal Firearms form.

The retailer cannot make a gun sale until the customer completes this form.

Wal-Mart is a local retailer that sells firearms to the public.

The average age of a firearm customer is 27 and 34, store manager Lonnie Scheffer said.

Wal-Mart takes extreme precautions when selling weapons, Scheffer said.

"We believe that our standards are pretty high," Scheffer said. "We do more than what the government or state requires us to do just to make sure that we do everything to qualify and stay within our restrictions."

Management must be present when a gun is purchased.

It is also Wal-Mart's policy to take the gun to the customer's car.

The store keeps the firearms locked and all the guns have safety devices on the trigger.

These safety devices remain on the gun until it leaves the store.

The store makes sure the guns are all accounted for weekly and all federal forms are filled out.

Even if all the safety precautions are there, the retailers are not obligated to sell a gun.

"If we don't feel comfortable about the sale of the gun, and if we don't feel the person is in the right state of mind or if we just don't feel good about it, we have that right to refuse the sell of that gun to anybody," Scheffer said.

The laws for the sale of guns are strict and regulations set by the government must be followed.

If a violation occurs, the government can shut down the store and distribute heavy fines.

The government does not require a retailer to supply safety information before the gun is purchased.

However, in order to obtain a hunting license, the consumer must take a class in gun and hunting safety.

The Hunting and Fishing Shop in Tarkio does not have a policy of offering extra advice for a younger customer buying a gun.

"We feel that their parents should be able to tell them the right and wrong before they even touch a gun," Melinda Daugherty said.

Organizations such as the National Rifle Association assist parents in training children proper gun safety with a program called "Learn Gun Safety with Eddie Eagle."

The program is split into different grade levels that may be taught from preschool to sixth grade.

NRA developed the program to help prevent the loss of young lives through teaching gun safety. Their motto is "Stop! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."

The Jonesboro killings, where two young boys opened fire on their classmates and teachers, demonstrates that even with strict federal laws, children can still find access to firearms.

John Linebaugh is the owner of Linebaugh Customs Six Guns and also a gun advocate.

He believes the incident in Jonesboro is a tragedy, but tougher regulations will not prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands.

New regulations would only violate citizens' amendment rights, Linebaugh said.

There are numerous other weapons besides firearms which have the potential to cause injury to others such as cars, knives and baseball bats, Linebaugh said.

"It is not about gun control," he said. "It is about people control."

by Ashley Gerken
Missourian Staff

Parents feeling insecure about leaving their children at school has not been a major issue until the recent murders at our elementary and junior high schools. The amount of juvenile crime is on the rise and the number of 13- to 15-year-olds arrested for murder jumped from 390 in 1982 to 740 one decade later. This is a great concern for communities around

the nation and has people asking why kids kill. "Juveniles are like anybody else," said David McLaughlin, political science professor. "If they don't have a solid foundation of standards, a strong self-identity and lack parental structure, there is a chance that child may try to find these things through different means, sometimes ending in a violent act."

Children who have had to deal with broken homes or abuse could be prone to becoming a violent person.

Often times, new students trying to fit into an unfamiliar environment will use threatening tactics against their classmates in attempt to draw attention to themselves. Easy accessibility of guns in many homes and not taking children seriously makes it easy for these threats to become a reality.

Parents and teachers need to be aware of frequent conversation or bragging about guns, threats about hurting or killing people or animals, poor relations with classmates and displaying gang attire.

There are several precautions parents and teachers can do to help prevent children from becoming violent.

"Every adult in the community must take an active role in the children's lives," McLaughlin said. "Children should not be left unattended."

When parents are unable to be there for their children the community must be willing to step in and help out.

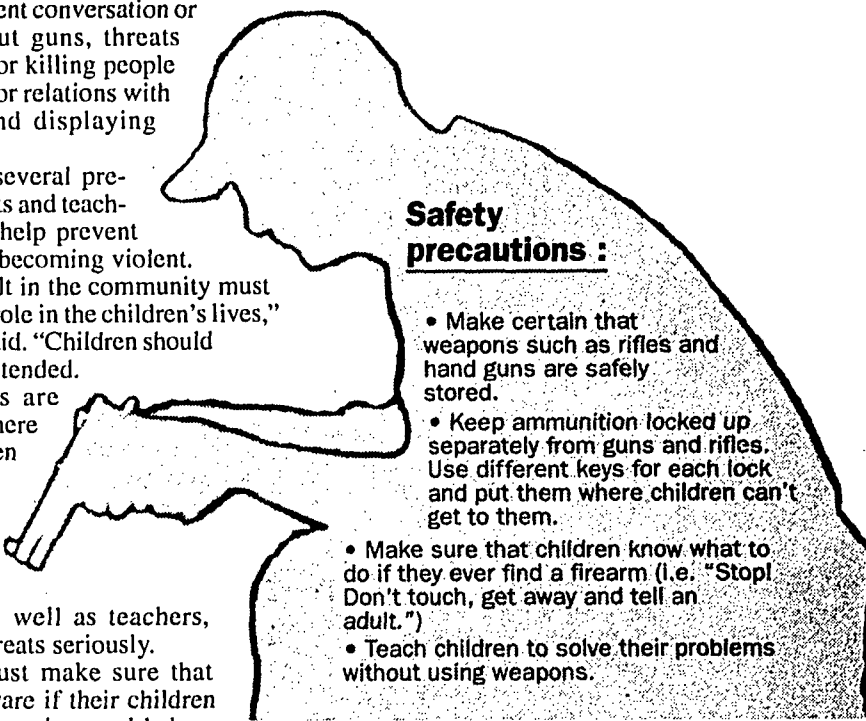
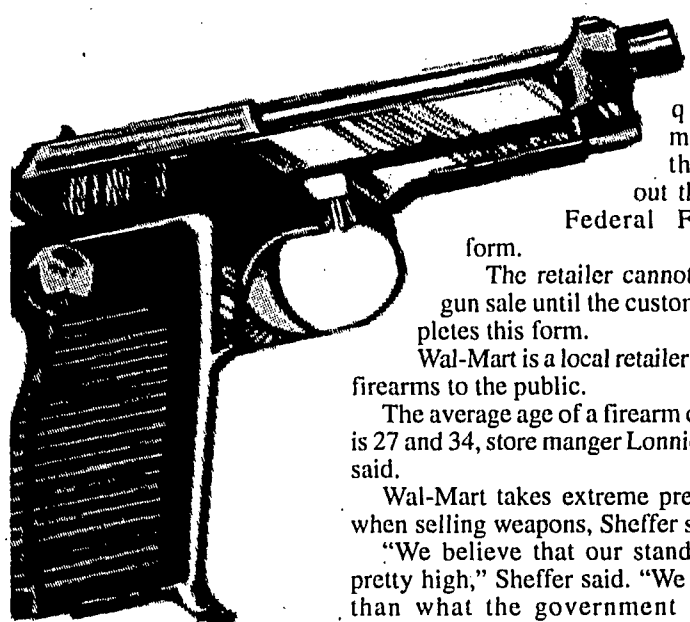
Parents, as well as teachers, should take threats seriously.

Schools must make sure that parents are aware if their children are showing any abnormal behavior and that it could result in violence.

Approaching problems and not letting their children get away with improper behavior without having to face consequences is a recommended step for parents.

The consequences for juvenile delinquents who commit murders are presently not helping with the problem.

"Punishments for juveniles is not a deterrent. It just shows that the general public is scared of children and wants to try and deal with everyone as if they were adults," McLaughlin said. "Locking up children doesn't help solve their problems, it only keeps the community safe until the children are released."



Safety precautions :

- Make certain that weapons such as rifles and hand guns are safely stored.
- Keep ammunition locked up separately from guns and rifles. Use different keys for each lock and put them where children can't get to them.
- Make sure that children know what to do if they ever find a firearm (i.e. "Stop! Don't touch, get away and tell an adult.")
- Teach children to solve their problems without using weapons.

Photo illustration by Darren Papek

Northwest: This Week's For You!

Monday, April 13

8 p.m. Northwest Night of Champions

Location: Bearcat Arena

What: All athletic events will be recognized. Coaches will be invited to brag about their team's accomplishments this season. Intramural event winners will be recognized. The steppers will perform. The Tower Queen crowning will take place. There will be many prizes given out to organizations attending, as well as individuals. KDLX will be on remote broadcast.

Who: All students, faculty and Northwest fans.

Prizes: All prizes will be won by a contest or drawing. Everyone will receive a ticket as they come in the door. No admission fee is charged. You could win any of these items, just for coming!

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9 p.m. Dancin' in the Street

Location: Street front of Fine Arts and Arena

What: Dance, DJ Tyler Mackey (Northwest student)

Who: All students

Prizes: Again, just for coming you could win!

O'Hair tanning certificate

Wal-Mart gift certificate

Sonic certificate

Pagliai's free large pizzas

Pizza Hut free large pizzas

Tuesday, April 14

5:30 p.m. Honors Dinner and recognition

Location: Union Ballroom

What: Program will consist of dinner with background music provided by a jazz trio (Northwest students). A distinguished alumnus will be presenting a short speech. The Tower service awards will be presented. A new award, the "Northwest Commitment to Quality," will be given for the first time. This will be for one student, support staff, faculty and administrator that exemplifies the characteristics of the Culture of Quality.

Who: (By invitation) Tower service recipients, nominators, the President's cabinet and administrative staff

Wednesday, April 15

11 a.m.-2 p.m. One America Fair

Location: Union

What: President Clinton has announced a nationwide initiative of bridging cultural differences. In support of this we will be sponsoring exhibits from each of the multicultural organizations. They will have displays set up in rooms at the Union. In addition to these exhibits, these organizations will be compiling a booklet to give to the students at Horace Mann. The booklet will consist of a children's story from each culture. The front of the booklet will be selected in a contest of student's designs from Horace Mann.

Who: All Northwest students, Horace Mann students

7:30 p.m. Big Man on Campus

Location: Charles Johnson Theater

What: This is an annual event sponsored by Delta Zeta.

Who: All

Thursday, April 16

1-7 p.m. Carnival

Location: Bell Tower lawn area (rain location is the Armory)

What: Attractions will be virtual reality roller coaster and a bungee bull. A wax hand booth will also be provided. All organizations are being asked to sponsor booths and games at the carnival.

Who: All

8 p.m. 3 PC Suit Concert

Location: Bell Tower lawn area (rain location is Bearcat Arena)

What: Performance by a trio of Northwest alumni that began their career in pop music at NWMSU.

Who: All

Prizes: Given away as a thank you for attending!

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Taco John's certificates

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The Stroller

Your Man takes stab at dating



The Stroller

Weekly Wanderer offers advice about what to do on a first date

Your Man planned to use this space for a definitive column on the president's legal troubles — "Bill Clinton: No hope, no pants."

However, some judge decided it was OK for "Slick Willy" to drop his pants. The judge just wished that, like everyone else in Arkansas, he did it in front of a family member.

Now that spring is in full force, hormones are as jumpy as the administration after they tried to hire some guy with sexual misconduct against him. This leaves me with only one question.

Who is doing the hiring at Northwest? Sixty applicants to choose from and they hire the alleged sexual deviant. Seriously, they do a better background check when you order food for delivery. It is too bad O.J. Simpson is still looking for the real killers, or he could get a job teaching ethics here.

Your Man promises he will not say another word about that situation. This week's column Your Man will discuss dating. It's tricky. You'll have to toughen up and work on your game, but you can all do it.

If you already have a significant other, dump them. You can do better than that, can't you? Some of you can't, but the dating pool will greatly increase if everyone dumps the one they love.

The first lesson is how to find someone you are interested in. This should be easy on a college campus. Never again will you be surrounded by 3,000 members of the opposite sex all about your same age. Same age means professors and administrators do not count, however, graduate students make a lovely addition to any home.

There are some guidelines to follow. Don't set your standards too high — look in the mirror and go from there. Be honest. No one is perfect, with the exception of Delta Chis who apparently are chisled to perfection according to a T-shirt one of them was wearing.

Also, do not fall so madly in love with this person that you are picking your children's names before you have even met them. In fact, even if you are a couple never discuss this. Unless one of you is pregnant, then it will be necessary.

It's possible that you may not be able to complete the first phase. If that is the case, there are several answers to what is wrong with you.

You may be a) spending too much time in front of the computer, b) lacking in personal hygiene or c) a complete failure destined to spend the rest of your life alone.

If the latter is the case, seek out an accounting major. They are just what you need — desperate number crunchers who have no people skills.

Although it is not enough to stop there. You must get their attention. Some people send flowers, others wait until they are drunk and make a fool of themselves thus moving ever closer to dating an accounting major.

Some of the smarter people set up chance meetings that they can chalk up to fate. Others expect this person to suddenly come up and ask you out.

In that first conversation find out their interests, talk about them, not about how drunk you got last weekend. Ask them to dance — if you can dance. Swaying back and forth is not dancing, but rather an indicator that you have no rhythm.

Where to take them on that first date is very important. The first date leaves a lasting impression. While McDonald's is inexpensive, a Big Mac is not going to score high on the good impression meter (even if you super size it). A & G's Bar and Grill is an ideal place to take them.

Of course, you could always cook for them. I do not mean the microwave pizza and macaroni and cheese dinner that you normally cook, but something special. They will be impressed, assuming you do not fill the house with smoke or dump scalding hot water on yourself.

If this date goes well, you are on your own — Your Man has never passed this part of the mission. If this first date does not go so well, never fear. Like the stars in the sky, you can always find another one. Plus, accounting majors can be helpful come tax time.

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the *Missourian*.

Weekly Crossword

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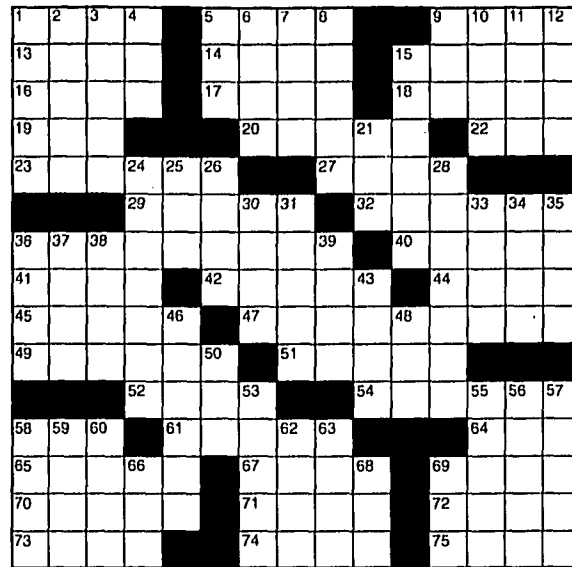
1. Flop
5. Impostor
9. Enclosed parts of trucks
13. Lana of *Superboy* comics
14. Adams of cigar-selling
15. Rapids craft
16. Alcohol lamp
17. Apple spoiler
18. Seek penance
19. Becker boomer
20. Fibbing
22. Sparks or Beatty
23. Foxy
27. Hop (2 words)
29. Q-Tips, e.g.
32. Type of sheep
36. Clarify
40. Sleek snake
41. Woman
42. Laziness
44. Get
45. Succumb to stress
47. News item identifiers

DOWN

4. Kind of tube
5. Jazzman Tabackin
6. Rock star, often
7. Breezy
8. Pay
9. Ocelot, e.g.
10. Before long
11. Thing to pick in an argument
12. Oyster
15. More cautious
21. de plume
24. Houdini specialties
25. Doughboys' battle inits.
26. Fathers
28. Type of post
49. Plato's birthplace
51. Kite claw
52. Kind of vaccine
54. Polytheists
58. Soft shoe
61. Actor O'Neal and others
64. Rock's Steely
65. Greek salad ingredient
67. First independent Communist leader
69. Writer Wiesel
70. Thin wood strips
71. Author of *A Chapter On Ears*
72. Rescue
73. Distorts facts
74. Slave
75. Seaside structure

Answers to last issue's puzzle

DENIM	HARP	KNOB
EVOKES	EPPE	JOWA
EAVES	REPRESS	SES
RNA	SEER	AMENS
STOGE	NOONTIME	
ARGUE	YAWNS	LIL
GODS	HIVES	FIND
AVE	ROPEL	BRACE
SENTINEL	LEADER	
AMORE	GINA	ROW
DEPARTING	USAGE	
AMAN	ELAN	STYLE
MOLT	ALTS	EASED



30. Like Ionesco's soprano
31. Summer ermine
33. Church art
34. Goose that frequents crosswords
35. Morsels
36. Columnist-hostess Maxwell
37. Period after Mardi Gras
38. Mormon state
39. Kelt
43. Respond to an SOS
46. Small drums
48. Haitian deity
50. Vulpine
53. Chopin and Smith
55. Ike's opponent
56. Ingenuous
57. Expression of mockery
58. Weather vane for a politician
59. Jai
60. Point out
62. Where crocodiles bask
63. Blender button
66. Type of cassette
68. One lacking grace
69. Geller's gift: abbr.

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April 23 — Lonnie Shields Band, Grand Emporium.
April 30 — Dick Dale, Grand Emporium.
May 16 — George Strait, Arrowhead Stadium.
June 6 — Pridefest '98, Bartle Hall.

Omaha

April 11 — Sarah McLachlan, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 19 — Alabama, AksarBen Coliseum.
April 21 — Urge, Ranch Bowl.
April 26 — Tone Loc, Ranch Bowl.
May 2 — Holly Cole, Ranch Bowl.
April 23 — Saviour, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

April 9 — Kinleys, Supertoad.
April 10-11 — Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, Des Moines Convention Center.
April 10-12 — "Sesame Street Live," Civic Center.
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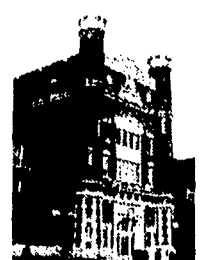
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Water bond approved by wide margin

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

The expansion of the Maryville water plant will become a reality following Tuesday's election.

The vote was passed by a considerable margin of 727 votes. The city can move to the next step of the project.

"We are in a situation whereby we can have water and pressure for the areas of the city, some which have had really serious pressure problems," City Councilman George English said.

Financing the bond will be the Council's next order of business. The city is pleased with the bond, and there was a great deal of support for it, Mayor Bridget Brown said.

"It (the passing) fits the nature of the community," Brown said. "It moves toward the growth and development of the city."

City councilmen English and Dale Mathes were also re-elected Tuesday.

English hopes the Council will accomplish the area of infrastructure of the city within the next three years.

"The fundamental problems of this city are

involved with the superstructure of the city — the water, the sewers and the streets," English said. "Our recreation of course is well underway and those types of things to me are very important, so we will have to zero in on that. There is also the development of the library that is taking place, and that is one of the things that the city is going to look at very carefully."

Mathes is serving his fourth term on the Council. He hopes the next three years key in on the Mozingo 10-year plan and the infrastructure within the city limits.

"We need to look very closely at that (infra-

structure)," Mathes said. "The streets, the asphalt streets, the permanent streets — anywhere you turn in this city you will have to look at streets."

The issues of constitutional Amendments 3 and 4 and the election of School Board members were both passed as well.

Amendment 3 passed in Nodaway County as well as Missouri. With the passage of the amendment, which has a levy set at \$4.95 for the Kansas City School district, will remain the same.

Amendment 4 of the Missouri Constitution

Quick reader.

A fast grasp on the situation.

Who was elected?
George English and Dale Mathes to City Council; Robert Martin and John Redden to the School Board.

What else passed?
The water plant bond and Amendments 3 and 4.

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Changes mark move of offices

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

Various offices in the Student Union will be relocated when the renovations begin in early June.

Student Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Campus Activities, Residential Life, ARAMARK and seven student organizations such as Student Senate starting May 18 will move to the second floor of the Thompson-Ringold Building.

The Bearcat Bookstore will be relocated to the former Student Health Services in North Complex.

Although most ARAMARK offices will move, the manager's office will stay in the Union for immediate access to dining services.

The moving of offices and the Bookstore is scheduled to be completed by June 1 to prepare for the summer sessions, said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs.

The new offices' locations will be in place for the next two years until the Union's renovations are completed. However, this plan could be shortened to one year, Hetzler said.

"There is a slight possibility we could move back after year one," Hetzler said. "It's just depending on the progress of the building and other needs."

Possible Garrett-Strong renovations will also impact whether offices can move back to the Union earlier, Hetzler said.

"If (Garrett-Strong) renovations start before the Union is completed, then the faculty in the Garrett-Strong may need a place to move," he said.

The offices in the Thompson-Ringold Building may not be as convenient as the current ones. The offices will be made by breaking a room into two or more. They will not have a complete wall, Hetzler said.

"We know it's somewhat disruptive," Hetzler said. "But we are trying to minimize the disruption."

The disruption is inevitable, however, Hetzler is excited to see the new Union and believes it will merit from the renovations.

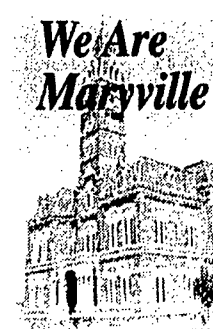
Rub-a-dub-dub



Josh Wall of Alpha Gamma Rho, sings to his rubber ducky during the Zeus and Hera pageant contest Tuesday night. After the competition, Wall was crowned Zeus and Jenny Boatright of Sigma Kappa was crowned Hera. Greek Week will be April 20 through April 26.

Amy Roh/
Staff Photography

Maryville native plays vital role in United States history



Deputy Administrator dedicates life to military

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

A former Maryville resident will play a large role in a major transition of authority in Panama at the end of next year.

Joseph Cornelison, who is currently the deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, oversees day-to-day operations and administration of the canal.

He will help turn the canal over to Panama at noon Dec. 31, 1999, after being under the watchful eye of the United States for 85 years.

The 51-mile waterway was built by the Americans and opened in 1914. The canal, which operates with about 9,000 employees and a budget of \$700 million a year, has roughly 13,500 ships pass through annually carrying about 200 million tons of cargo.

A successful military career and

caring family connected Cornelison to the Panama Canal and his place in history.

Cornelison credits much of his success to his close-knit family. His parents, Dan and Mary Alice Cornelison, still live in Maryville, and he has two older brothers.

"My parents have been wonderful role models in their unconditional love and support," Cornelison said.

Cornelison's parents helped him develop discipline, a strong work ethic, morals and a Christian faith.

He also recalls football games with his brothers and neighborhood kids. "Instead of telling me I couldn't play because I was too young, they always let me get in there, but I had to carry my own," Cornelison said. "That helped me learn to mature and think for myself."

After all, family ties have added a historical significance to Cornelison

"So for both of us to have a family connection ... at the beginning of the canal's history, and now to be back as the U.S. senior representative during the closeout, kind of gives an extra sense of personal satisfaction."

■ Joseph Cornelison, deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission

duties.

Cornelison's wife's grandfather was one of the founding fathers of Panama. He was interim governor

when Panama gained independence from Columbia and he was a signer of the Panama Constitution. He was also among the dignitaries on the ship that made the first transit across the canal.

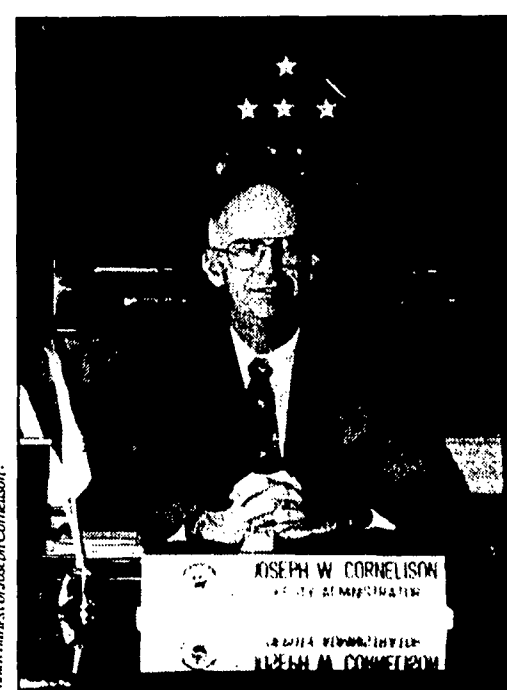
Cornelison himself has an ancestor that was one of the senior engineers and helped to build the canal.

"So for both of us to have a family connection that was there at the beginning of the canal's history, and now to be back as the U.S. senior representative during the closeout, kind of gives an extra sense of personal satisfaction," Cornelison said.

Cornelison graduated from Maryville High School in 1965, where he was very active in school activities and athletics.

"I was doing well and had a wonderful family, but at that time was not

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Former Maryville resident Joseph Cornelison is the deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

Q&A President, provost address questions about hiring of alleged sexual harasser

The following are excerpts from an interview with University President Dean Hubbard and Provost Tim Gilmour one week after Michael Simonson withdrew his name.



■ Dean Hubbard



■ Tim Gilmour

by Jacob DiPietro
University News Editor

Michael Simonson withdrew his name from contention as the director of the Center for the Application of Information Technology and Learning because of media awareness and coverage of sexual harassment allegations.

Simonson is facing allegations of violating university policy, creating a hostile work environment, offensive conduct and sexual harassment at Iowa State University.

Q: Why was the University community not informed about the allegations surrounding Simonson?

A: Hubbard: "I would never take everything that is said and just put it out. You have

to exercise some judgment about what you put out. People don't have a right to know gossip and innuendo."

Gilmour: "The search committee, Hubbard and I and the Board, were aware of the basic facts in the case. But, when you are dealing with personnel cases like this, you deal with issues you think need to be addressed in order to make the decision. It is not something you broadcast to the world."

Q: What do you take into consideration when revealing allegations to the public?

A: Hubbard: "I mean, suppose you find out someone went bankrupt, would you tell that to the entire community so it would influence their ability to buy a house, buy a car? That is not a matter of covering up, that is a matter of

treating people the way they want to be treated.

An allegation is never serious enough that any Joe Blow on the street has a compelling reason to know."

Gilmour: "The other thing we have to remember here is all of us have rights. Individuals in this position have the right to have things like this shared only with people making the critical personnel decisions."

Q: Are you worried similar allegations could occur at Northwest?

A: Hubbard: "I still believe that people are innocent until proven guilty. Normally, that level of position would not even go to the Board. We took it to the Board because of the allegations."
Gilmour: "We've gone through all the al-

legations with a fine tooth comb. What we understand from his attorney, and some other sessions that we have had with Dr. Simonson is there is not much foundation to these allegations. We felt when we went through it, there was every possibility that he would be found not guilty of these allegations. We did have some insurance in terms of what we would do if such behavior would manifest itself here

Q: Why do these allegations not warrant public knowledge?

A: Hubbard: "When you hear an allegation, how do you know what kind of weight to assign to it? It is a judgment call you know. One of the things that raised our comfort level is we didn't discover it and confront him with it. The first time he interviewed, he put it on the table."

My Turn

Revelations regarding parenthood

A couple weeks ago, the McCaughey family, who had septuplets last December, were able to take their last two babies home from the hospital.



Jamie Hatz

I cannot imagine having seven babies, let alone all at once. I used to think having seven babies was nothing.

But after an eye-opening experience this summer, I learned there is a lot more to being a parent than holding a cute baby.

I was staying with my aunt, uncle and their 20-month-old precious gift, Luke, when I had this revelation about parenting.

Luke lost the title of precious gift one evening when I donated my babysitting services.

The night began with Luke and I cruising down the road singing with Barney (note: parents no longer listen to the radio) when I noticed an unpleasant smell lurking from the back seat.

My eye caught a vision of this wide-eyed bouncing baby boy playing with his poopy (baby talk) in the rear-view mirror. The precious gift had not just dirtied his diaper but left an explosion similar to World War II covering the entire back seat and car seat.

I completely lost it. While Luke giggled and cooed with his new "toy," I made an illegal U-turn and sped my way home. The smell was unbearable and literally brought tears to my eyes.

I rolled down all the windows and increased my acceleration to about 70 mph. I did not care if the police pulled me over. Once an officer saw the back seat, he would have to understand such an emergency. I entered the neighborhood, squealed into the driveway and jumped out of the car and slammed the door shut.

I had made it, and I was still breathing. The smell of fresh, nontoxic air never smelled so clean and wonderful in my whole life. As I was enjoying my freedom from the poop situation, I realized I had left Luke in the back seat.

I ran to the back seat window in a complete panic to find him still fascinated with his creation.

This brought me some time as I brainstormed about my next move on the battlefield of parenthood. My initial thought was to just leave him in the car and wait for my aunt and uncle to come home — I mean, it was their kid.

The idea was thrown out since it bordered on the lines of child abuse. I then realized I was the only one to save Luke from the fiery land of poo-poo. I placed my hand on the handle and inhaled what I believed to be my last breath of fresh air.

I looked like a complete idiot as I held Luke by the underarms and about five feet from my body. What was I going to do with a 20-month-old poop-infested child?

With the help of a garden hose and a clothes pin, I managed to clean Luke off and get him ready for bed. I sat down on the couch in complete exhaustion thanking God that this episode was over when I realized I still had to clean the back seat of the car.

When my aunt and uncle arrived home, they asked me how the night had gone. I simply smiled and said he was an angel, as I mumbled something about never having children. I was not very talkative — the evening simply wore me out.

I suddenly had an urge to call my parents and thank them for always cleaning up after me.

Children never truly comprehended the intense job description parents have outlined for them.

I gained an immense amount of respect for parents everywhere in the world, especially mine. Parents have the toughest jobs in the world with outrageous hours, insane requirements and the pay is almost nothing — yet, it can be the most rewarding job in the world.

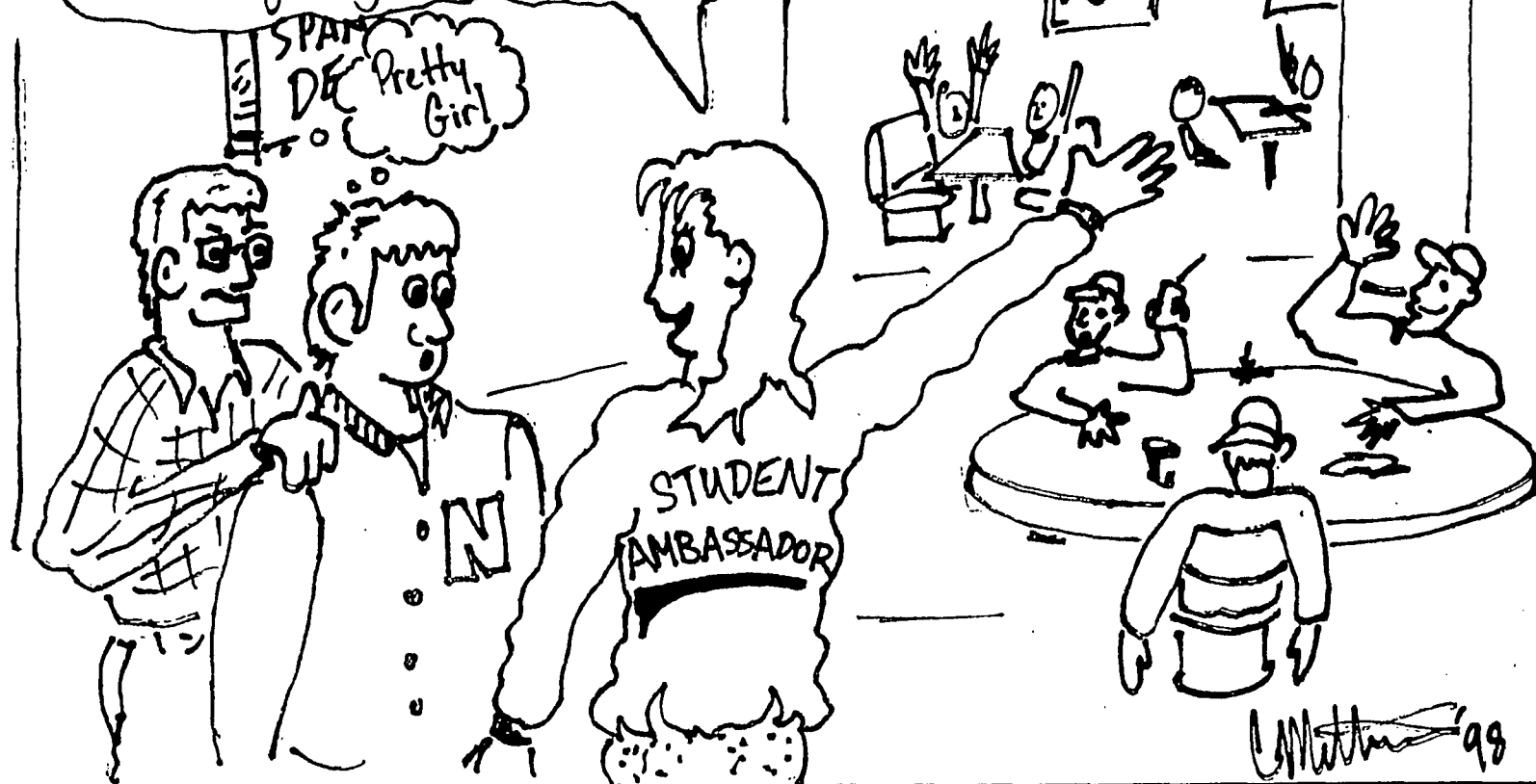
As I was rocking little Luke to sleep later that night, he looked up at me with his big blue eyes and said my name. It melted my heart.

Children are the most precious gifts, and I do want some of my own — just not seven.

Jamie Hatz is the editor in chief for the Northwest Missourian.

Poop-infested child causes nightmare

This is the Spanish Den. The Students eat, relax, and hang-out here. It's a pretty cool place. The Bookstore is upstairs. By the time you get here next semester, it'll be torn down. Let's go see South Complex next, it's going to be torn down too!!



It's Your Turn

What do you think about Northwest hiring an alleged sexual harassment offender?



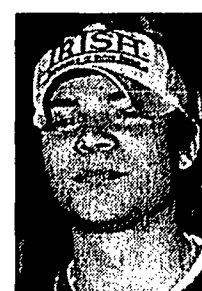
"I don't think they should have hired him especially because it happened with grad-students."

Josh Skidmore, zoology major



"I don't agree with it, and I think it is a wrong move on the part of the University."

Jessica Lummus, computer management systems major



"I think it's dangerous and kind of stupid on the part of the University, because they are taking the chance that others will be harassed."

Greg Joubert Jr., computer management systems major



"I think that the University should have never hired him, because he did have these allegations against him during the interview process."

Jeff Taylor, elementary education major



"I won't be taking any of his classes but as long as everyone knows he was accused, it's all right."

Sarah Kelley, merchandising major



"I don't think the students would feel comfortable in the room with a sexual offender."

Tom Durden, undecided major



"It really doesn't concern me that much because I don't think he is going to harass me. But if he harasses my girlfriend, I'd kill him."

Dave DiBernardo, public relations major

Our View

OF THE UNIVERSITY

'And the truth shall make you free'

University administrators mishandled the circumstances surrounding the appointment of Michael Simonson.

Simonson and administrators agreed to withdraw his appointment to the Center for the Application of Technology and Learning last Tuesday, only after the Northwest Missourian revealed sexual harassment allegations against Simonson at Iowa State University.

All 10 members of the selection committee were aware of not only Simonson's qualifications but his allegations as well.

Although they knew the seriousness of these accusations, University administrators found it appropriate to withhold the information.

One of the goals of any institution of higher learning should be to convey the importance of seeking and barring the spirit of the whole truth. Ironically, Northwest decided not to reveal the entire picture to students or faculty or staff.

The picture is a bit murky now, since



an official University press release naming him the first CAITL director and his introduction to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education at a modular learning presentation in Jefferson City.

Despite the confusion on whether Simonson was ever named director, the University still stands behind their selection.

No matter if the allegations came from graduate students who Simonson had no power over, or if he is the most qualified or even if he assured administrators nothing like this would happen at Northwest, it was wrong for University staff, not only to hire

him but, to keep his allegations hidden. Northwest administrators deny Simonson was ever officially the CAITL director.

However, the University was quite clear in February that Simonson was the director because of his formal appointment by the Board of Regents. There was also

him but, to keep his allegations hidden.

If the selection committee would have stood behind their selection, even in the face of these allegations, there would not be as much of a problem.

However, the University tried to hide behind Simonson's more than adequate qualifications for the position.

Administrators were not the only ones hiding. Faculty, staff and some Board of Regents members denied comment or asked for anonymity on the issue. Still, others where uncomfortable to discuss the issues and allegations, and said they were told all questions had to be handled through the news and information office.

The only conclusion left to draw, is the administration purposely hid the facts.

University administrators chose to keep the allegations a secret and remain captive to the hidden truth. This contradicts the very foundation of the University's values which are engraved on the front of the Administration Building.

"And the Truth Shall Make You Free."

Maryville View

Community anticipates problem, solves it



David Angerer

It's awfully hard for cities and towns to get very excited about such mundane things as water treatment plants, sewer lift stations, lagoons and the like.

They are, after all, hidden from public view and it's easy to take them for granted. There's no entertainment or recreational value to these things. They are, in short, boring — at least compared to some of the more exciting public developments at Moxingo Lake or in the city park system.

Most people probably never think about their town's water or sewer systems at all — unless, of course, they quit functioning properly.

Which makes the passage of the \$4.5 million water plant bond issue in Tuesday's election quite remarkable.

The people of Maryville have a long and well-deserved reputation for investing in community growth. People here have a track record of anticipating problems before they occur and taking steps to preempt

them. That several hundred people came out Tuesday — on a cold and rainy day — and voted to increase their water rates in order to play for something as common-place as a water treatment plant says something special about our community.

Maryvillians understand what makes a community livable and prosperous. They are deeply committed to sustaining their town's exceptional rate of growth.

Many communities lack this sense of civic responsibility and pride. In large and small communities all across America, economic development and progress are frustrated by disintegrating, obsolete infrastructure.

Desperate for new jobs and industries, communities often resort to offering giveaways and gimmicks to encourage new growth. Maryville has been right to reject these hopeless and wasteful strategies. Instead, they focus on providing "the basics" — permanent streets, cost-effective pub-

lic services and utility systems that work.

The Maryville strategy has paid off. Unemployment is among the lowest in the nation. Our industries are solid residents, here for the long-term.

Giveaways and gimmicks didn't attract them here and are not likely to lure them away from us in the future.

By giving their approval to the plan to expand the water treatment plant, the people of Maryville have given an emphatic "YES" to business expansion, the attraction of new industries and the addition of new residents to our town.

For our part, the city government is committed to delivering the finest water treatment plant possible to the residents of Maryville. And we will keep our promise not to raise your water rates by more than 5 percent. We respect the goals you have set for us and value your support for community progress.

David Angerer is the city manager in Maryville.

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In the April 2 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Debbi Rankin's picture was mistakenly placed with Patty Howard's quote, and Manuel Rupe's name was spelled incorrectly, both in the It's Your Turn. The Missourian regrets these errors.

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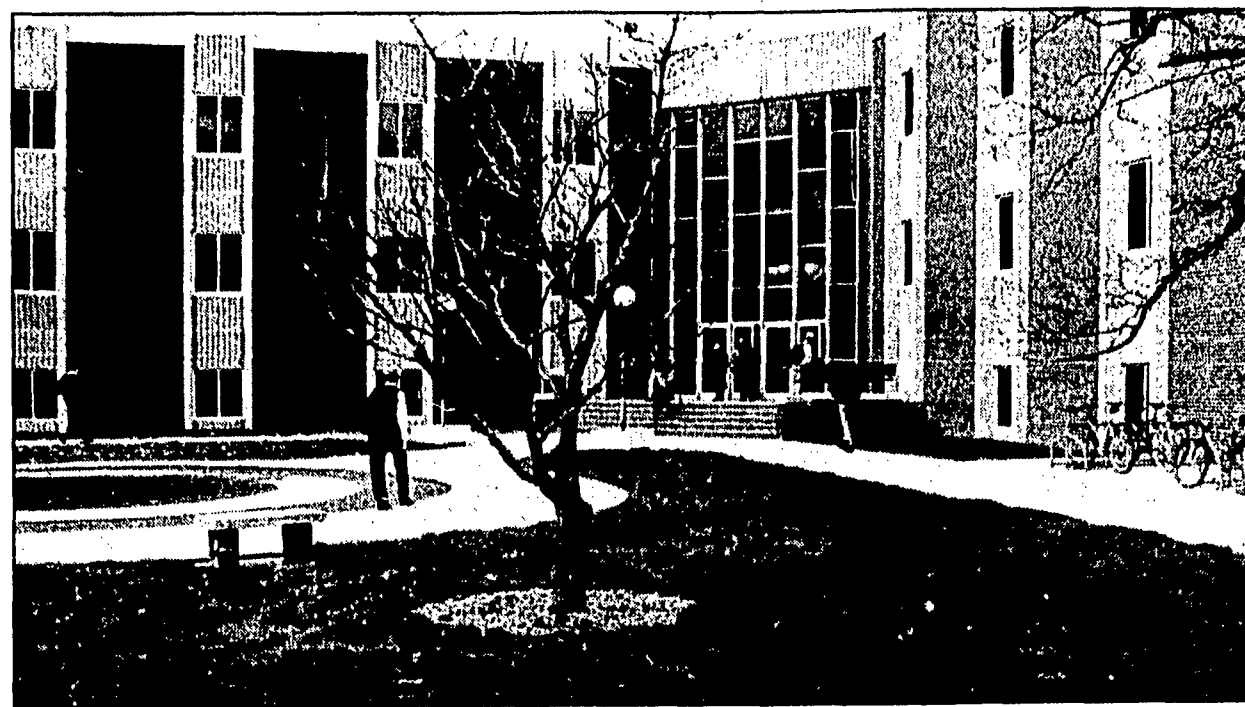
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Garrett-Strong will be the next building to undergo renovations. Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and

sciences, said the building has been moved up on a capital appropriations fund list and will be approved next year.

Renovations pending

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

Plans have been set in motion to prepare for the possible renovations of Garrett-Strong.

Garrett-Strong has been on a capital appropriations funds list in the state legislature for several years. Taylor Barnes, dean of the college of arts and sciences, said Garrett-Strong has been moved up on the list and should be approved in the next year.

In order for the funds to become available, the state legislature must act on Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommendation that \$15 million to go toward Garrett-Strong. The University should find out sometime near the end of April if they get the recommendation.

"We are looking at this month as the time in which we will know for

sure if we will get the funds," Barnes said.

After several months of waiting, the University received \$250,000 to aid the beginning steps of the renovation process. They expect to receive the rest of the money sometime this summer.

"We have had three meetings to discuss the new look," Barnes said. "We want to get a good idea of where we want to go with the building and have that ready to submit as soon as the money becomes available."

Faculty, staff and students are working on what should be renovated.

"That's what makes it so exciting," Barnes said. "We know that we are going to upgrade the heating and cooling systems as well as making the rooms more comfortable and modern."

"We have had three meetings to discuss the new look. We want to get a good idea of where we want to go with the building and have that ready to submit as soon as the money becomes available."

■ Taylor Barnes
Dean of college of arts and sciences

Northwest applauds student staff Training program benefits Campus Safety officers

■ Reception recognizes employee commitments to campus departments

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

It is often forgotten that more than 800 students are employed at Northwest.

The National Student Employment Week sponsored by the National Association of Student Employment remembered student workers this week.

Approximately 200 students and supervisors attended a reception Wednesday to recognize Northwest student workers, especially seniors graduating this year.

Mary Throener, director of human resources and the first coordinator of the student employment program at Northwest in 1994, expressed her appreciation to the students for their efforts.

"It's very important we recognize them this way," Throener said. "It's a chance to tell them we value them."

Throener coordinated a reception for the Student Employment Week in 1995, however, it was discontinued

because of scheduling conflicts. Brenda Ryan, coordinator of the student employment program, reorganized the event for this year.

Ryan informed all the supervisors to encourage their students to attend the reception.

The unexpected number of people who attended the reception pleased Ryan, and she is hoping to continue this event.

"It's a lot of fun," Ryan said. "I think students should be recognized, and it's always fun to get together. I definitely want to keep this up and hope to improve it every year."

Students are recognized for their work in each department. For example, the library employees have a appreciation party every semester.

However, Brenda Mohling, a graduating senior who works in the Student Affairs office, said for the University to have this kind of reception means a lot to the workers.

"I think it's important because students who work at all the administrative offices and any other offices on campus really do a lot of work and put a lot of effort into their jobs," Mohling said. "I think it's important to show they are appreciated and that the school supports us."

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

Campus Safety is working to improve its response to emergencies with the First Response Training program.

Campus Safety officers are participating in the program, which current police academy graduates go through as part of their training.

The program is funded by Missouri government funds.

Some of the training involves learning CPR, how to handle heavy machinery accidents, multiple wound treatment and scene assessment.

The participants are required to attend 60 hours of class, which is completed during their own time, and pass two tests.

They began the training three weeks ago and will complete the training at the end of this week.

The officers include Tom Scarbrough, Roy Gibbs, Amy Watson, Sean Wiedeir and Clarence Green along with dispatcher Amanda Nigh.

Six other Campus Safety officers have already completed the program

as part of previous training prior to becoming a Campus Safety officer at Northwest.

Green, Campus Safety director, said the program will be beneficial to the whole Northwest community because of the better service they would be able to provide.

"This program will allow the officers to respond to an emergency and better assess the situation," Green said. "It will be good all the way around for the University."

Campus Safety officers respond to all emergencies on campus.

They would even respond to any calls concerning construction workers, Green said.

Scott Chubick, Campus Safety officer is teaching the program. He is also a volunteer firefighter for Nodaway County and a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

"This program is really beneficial for the Campus Safety officers," Chubick said.

"We are responsible for the safety side of the University and that means a variety of things. They are trained on giving the care that the individual needs."



Jodi Stroburg and Danae White attend a reception to honor student workers. Approximately 200 students and supervisors attended Wednesday.

Adriana Albors/
Staff Photographer

Steppin' on up

Dance squad places 9th at competition

by Erica Smith
Advertising Director
and Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The Northwest Steppers took a step in the right direction last weekend in the National Cheerleading Association Competition in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The squad placed ninth in the Division II competition with a relatively young team.

Head coach Lori Steins said the competition was a good learning experience, especially for the new women.

"This gets them recognized as a squad rather than just dancing for Northwest," Steins said. "This also shows the nation we are proud to be dancers for Northwest."

The Steppers placed fourth in the NCA competition with a more experienced team last year.

"The routines this year were a lot harder," captain Cara Comstock said. "We did things we never tried before but with time and practice we did it."

Captain Andrea Blizzard said the competition also gave the women new opportunities.

"We have a great squad," Blizzard said. "It (the competition) gave us a chance to perform in front of a larger crowd in a different setting. It also gave us an idea of what they expect at nationals and what we should expect from the girls who try out here to have."

Saturday was the first time the women had been judged on their performance. Normally, the Steppers only perform for Northwest audiences.

"We're very happy with how we did," Comstock said. "We nailed the routine — not a flaw in it. They judged really hard, but said we had a clean routine and did a great job."

Breaking the bank



Matt Stemple attempts to break the code of the KDLX, Micky G's, Northwest Missourian \$106,000 vault at the KDLX Spring Thaw Wednesday. Students can attempt to open the vault by entering a six digit numeric code. The vault was unveiled Wednesday and will be at Micky G's, Sonic, the Union and The Pub throughout April.

Daren Papke/
Photography Director

Publications receive Missouri top honors

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

After winning numerous national awards in New York last month, student publications showed they were in the top level locally as well.

The Northwest Missourian received 16 awards in the newspaper category, while Tower yearbook swept nearly all the awards Saturday at the annual Missouri College Media Association Convention Awards Banquet in St. Louis.

The Missourian won first place for best online edition, a new MCMA category.

"I'm more than satisfied," Lesley Thacker, Missourian web editor, said. "If someone compliments (the Missourian) for something, you are never really sure if it's for the web or for the paper. There is not a lot of feedback (for the web). (This is) feedback, and a good feedback."

The Missourian web page was redesigned this semester, something other Missouri schools did not challenge, Thacker said.

Laura Widmer, student publica-

tions adviser, was pleased with the web team's efforts and success.

"I think it's great we won the first electronic newspaper award in the state of Missouri," Widmer said. "And (it's) wonderful that Lesley (Thacker) and her staff had the guidelines for what makes a great web page."

The Missourian online can be seen at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian>.

Tower yearbook '97 "Stages" received at least one award in each category, including first place for overall theme development.

"It's an honor," said Jason Hoke, design editor for the '97 yearbook. "It shows that my hard work paid off, and the hard work of the whole staff (paid off) when it comes to the first in theme development."

In individual awards, Chris Tucker, chief photographer for the '97 yearbook, won five awards, and Hoke won four awards.

"I've been working for the yearbook for five years," Tucker said. "So you better be pretty good at it after five years."

MCMA award winners

Northwest Missourian
Best online edition - first
Feature page - first, second and honorable mention
Page one design - second
Editorial section - second
Sports page - third
Special section - second
Best overall newspaper - third
In-depth reporting - third
Photo page - two honorable mentions
Feature writing - Jamie Hatz, honorable mention
Sports writing - Collin McDonough, honorable mention
Feature photography - Nicole Fuller, honorable mention
Sports photography - Greg Dalrymple, honorable mention

Tower yearbook
Overall theme development - first
Sports photography - Chris Tucker, first, second and third
Student life page design - Jason Hoke, first and second
Feature photography - Chris Tucker, second and honorable mention
Sports page design - Kerry O'Keefe, first; Jason Hoke, third
Portrait page design - Jason Hoke, first
Feature writing - Chris Triebisch, first
Personality sketch - Nate Olson, first

Cheerleaders to compete at nationals

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

After supporting Northwest teams all year, the cheerleading squad hopes to receive cheers of its own when it competes at a national competition Saturday.

The squad will compete against Division II squads at the National Cheerleading Association competition in Chicago.

Northwest received an automatic bid to the competition because of their video they submitted.

The event will give the squad a chance to see how they compare to other Division II schools, coach John Yates said.

"We will receive a score and will be able to compare that to what our competitors receive and see where we stack up," Yates said. "We should be at or near the top. Year in and year out, we tend to be at the top of the division nationally. We could come out winning the Spring Classic at Navy Pier."

Captain Keith Guilford said the team is excited about the chance to earn recognition.

"This is a chance for us to compete and show that we are one of the better teams in the area," Guilford

"We are a young squad, and this means we get to show off our talent and see how we are compared to other squads. We will be a little nervous, but we are confident. We have more variety in this year's routine, but our pyramids are strong, and we are sticking our stunts."

■ Karla Jewell
cheerleading captain

said. "We hope to be national champions, but we are not focused on the championship. We want to perform our routine, hit it, do the best we can and maybe end up on top."

The 'Cats have been on top of the division seven times out of the past 12 years they have competed.

The squad is ready to compete and can do just as good or better than last year's fourth-place finish, captain Karla Jewell said.

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dent. We have more variety in this year's routine, but our pyramids are strong, and we are sticking to our stunts."

The competition allows a little role reversal for the squad.

"People come to watch us at the competition, so it's kind of reversed," Jewell said. "We get recognized as more than just people out there yelling for the team."

The squad has been practicing their national routine since January.

"The competition means a lot to us," Yates said. "It is good for us to get out and see where we are (compared to other squads)."

Students learn healthy habits

■ **St. Gregory's annual fair offers educational experience**

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Students learned more than just to eat their vegetables and to say no to drugs at St. Gregory's Catholic School's health fair Tuesday.

Kathy Lepiec, St. Gregory's nurse, coordinated the school's second annual fair.

"One of my big things is prevention," Lepiec said. "A nurse can do so much more than just putting on Band-Aids. There is a lot of value in what you can teach the children."

Ray Gable, a heart transplant recipient, spoke about sharing life through organ donations. Nate Blackford, Craig Evans and Bren Manuagh gave speeches about being physically fit. Mayor Bridget Brown also made a special proclamation.

The entire fair revolved around the theme of train engineers — from Lepiec's striped outfit to the laminated trains participants wore around their necks.

"We are looking to continue to educate the kids to make healthy choices," Lepiec said. "These kids have a lot of engineers in their life — their parents, teachers, but we are teaching them to become their own en-

gineers and to make their own responsible choices."

The fair was set up in stations, so the children could travel and learn activities as they went.

"Most of the stations are interactive," Lepiec said. "The children get to put in their input. It's all hands-on."

They learned about everything from seat belt safety to eating right to organ donations. "I learned that I should buckle up so I don't die," fourth-grader Adam Auffert said.

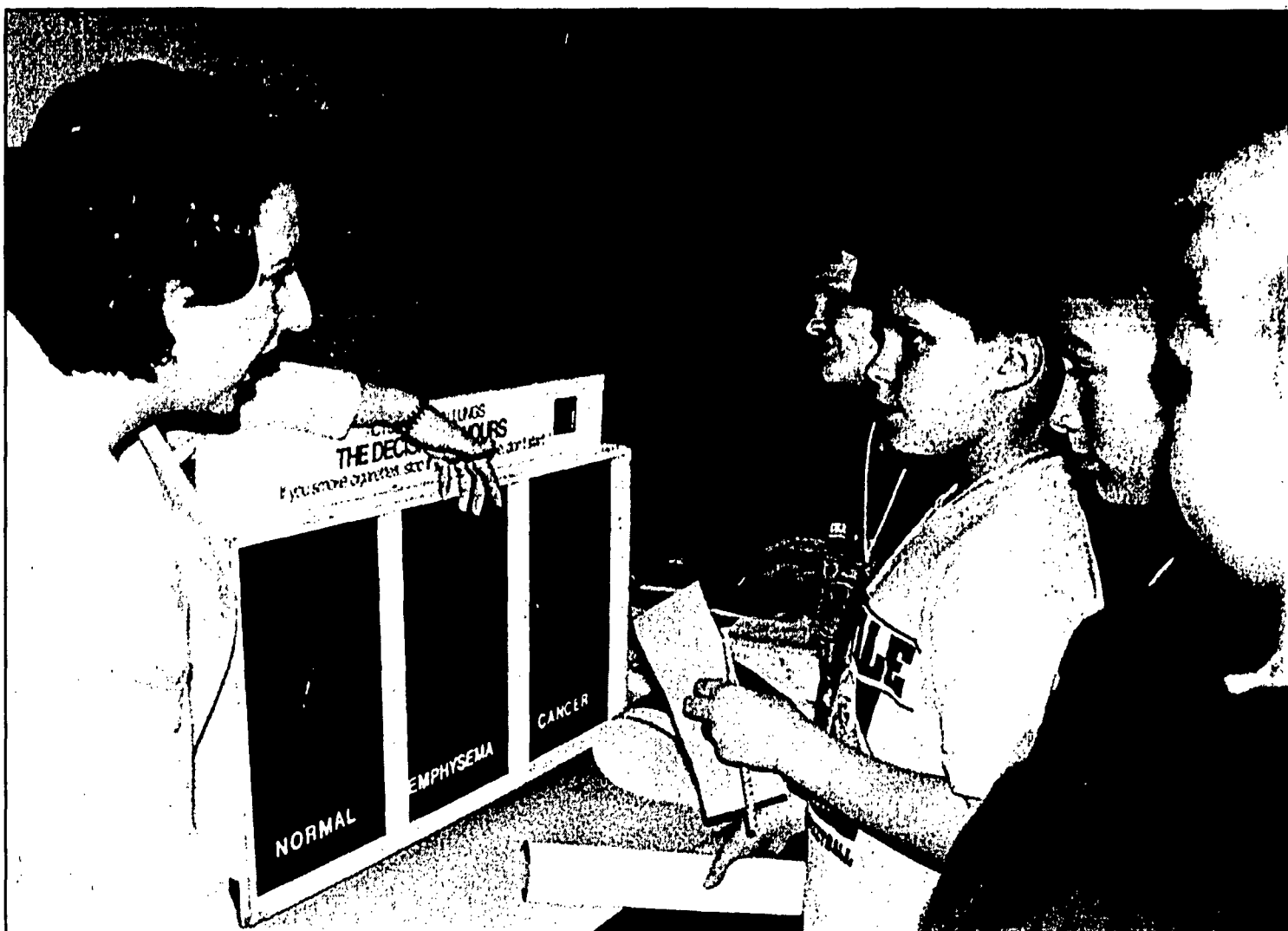
The students learned to identify food containers that closely resembled poisonous and unhealthy cleaners.

"It is important to keep the younger ones away from (poisons), and many of the older kids are babysitting and they need to be able to identify them," Lepiec said.

Northwest students from a community health class instructed students about finding their pulse and exercising.

Another station showed students the effects cigarettes have on the body. It featured a machine with a video of healthy lungs next to lungs with emphysema and cancer.

"We are mostly emphasizing second-hand smoke and its dangers," said Stephanie Erdman, multi-county health educator. "We want them to speak up and be an advocate. The lung machine is to show them the long-term effects."



Jamie Baker, of the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study, talks with students at St. Gregory's Catholic School during Tuesday's health fair. Baker showed students the effects smoking has on lungs such as cancer and emphysema.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director



This is the view from the Fatal Vision Goggles. They are used as an educational tool to show students the effects of alcohol and drug use.

Darren Pappe/Photography Director

Goggles teach life, death lesson

by M.J. Vinson
Missourian Staff

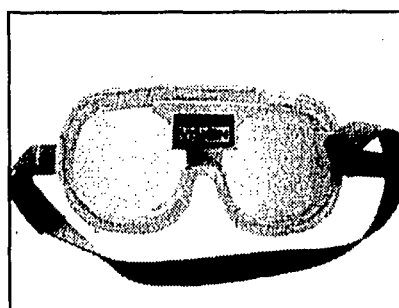
Through the innovation of Fatal Vision Goggles, northwest Missouri youth can identify the lack of motor skills that occur during alcohol and drug use.

Fatal Vision Goggles are designed to distort vision and simulate the perception of a person who is legally intoxicated.

Gary Lange, captain in the Missouri National Guard, worked with many students utilizing the goggles through the Drug Reduction Program.

There are numerous implications of alcohol misuse, but Lange stresses two main points. "If you put yourself in the situation, don't drive," he said. "And don't let a friend drive drunk."

Students wearing the goggles are challenged with interactive exercises like a heel-to-toe field sobriety test, attempting to unlock a car door, trying to play basketball, catching a football and driving a driver's education car or golf cart.



FATAL VISION GOGGLES

Joe Ensminger, Maryville High School freshman attended an interactive presentation at a Turning Resources and Energy into New Directions workshop where the goggles were introduced.

"The goggles are effective as long as they educate what the purpose of the goggles are," Ensminger said. "Wearing the goggles really reminds people to think twice about riding with someone that has been drinking or even driving under the influence."

Team Spirit is a leadership program which provides teens a chance to take an active role in preventing alcohol and other drug use. Activi-

ties with the Fatal Vision Goggles are a way to influence their younger peers.

Team Spirit and Youth Council members received a mini-grant from Alcohol and Drug Abuse through the Missouri Association of Community Task Forces.

With combined efforts, they are recognizing efforts in the community and schools by area issues and working with the Community 2000 to create solutions from a youth perspective.

A pair of Fatal Vision Goggles were purchased with the grant that was received.

Margaret Pierson, Maryville Community 2000 mobilizer, has coordinated a promotion and fundraisers which have purchased three additional pairs.

Contributors to the fund include the Nodaway County DARE, Maryville Public Safety, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, St. Gregory's student council, Washington Middle School's student council and the Maryville High School's Student Council.

Walkers step up to raise funds

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Concerned individuals will lace up their walking shoes in hopes of finding a cure at the finish line.

The annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk will be Saturday, April 18, to raise funds to further MS research. Money raised will also go toward support groups, equipment and medical care for local MS patients.

The sponsor, Missouri Business and Professional Women's Organization, named this year's event the Janel Phipps MS Walk.

Phipps was diagnosed with MS in 1984 and was able to continue working for two years. She coordinated the local walk several years ago but suffers from more severe symptoms of progressive MS.

"We're hoping that someday they'll discover a medication that will help her," Janel's mother Virginia Phipps said.

Multiple sclerosis usually affects people who are between 20 and 40 years old by randomly attacking their central nervous system.

MS symptoms vary from numbness to paralysis and blindness. The length and severity of the attacks is unpredictable.

"There is no known cause or cure

for MS," said Deb Raus-Coffey, Maryville MS Walk coordinator. "But, the more money we can raise through events like the MS Walk, hopefully, in the future, we can find a cure for MS."

Teams of four or more can register. Volunteers for Maryville's walk are still needed.

Pre-registration has already begun for the event. Forms can be picked up around campus, at area grocery stores, at KNIM or by calling Raus-Coffey at 582-8432.

Money will be raised through pledges which must also be turned in the day of the walk. Every participant with pledge money totaling \$75 will receive an official MS Walk T-shirt.

Additional prizes for higher pledge totals include Eddie Bauer gift certificates, compact disc player mini-systems and Vanguard Airlines tickets.

Participants will begin at Maryville High School and continue their walk through residential areas. The route will end at the high school where each participant will receive a medallion.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is attempting to pair a walker with each of the 280 million people registered with MS.

Important Support

A nationwide multiple sclerosis teleconference is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

The conference for area residents will be in the Hospitality Room at St. Francis Hospital. Each support group participating will have the opportunity to ask doctors questions on developments in multiple sclerosis research and treatment.

Regular meetings of the MS support group are the last Saturday of every month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Friends and family of people with multiple sclerosis are welcome. For further information, contact Sally Tennihill at 562-3339.

In Brief

Fraternity sponsors hunt, school program

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. Friday at Horace Mann Elementary School.

The event is for children in the Horace Mann after-school program.

MHS senior among Missouri's top 100

A senior from Maryville High School was selected for the Missouri Scholars 100.

Kari Baumgartner was nominated for the statewide program which hon-

ors 100 of Missouri's outstanding academic students in the class of 1998.

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Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.75, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a SAT score of 1300, be ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class and have taken upper-level courses in mathematics, science, English and foreign language.

The student must also have good attendance and be involved in school activities.

The program is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals.

Area church presents annual Easter drama

The Community of Faith Church will have their annual Easter performance at 7 p.m. April 11 and at 10:30 a.m. April 12 at the church located at 921 E. Third St.

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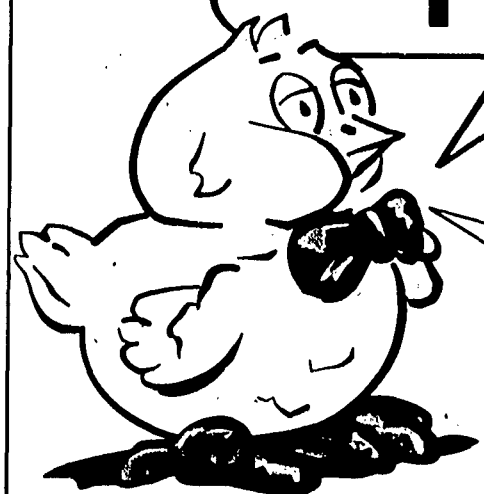
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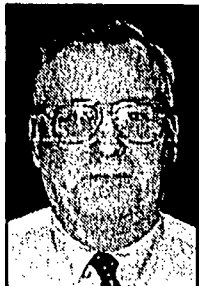
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City Council members



■ Dale Mathes



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School Board members



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also passed both in Nodaway county and the state.

The motion was to increase the bond to 15 percent from the current rate of 10 percent.

"I'm very pleased that Amendments 3 and 4 passed," said Gary Bell, Maryville R-II school district superintendent. "I can't really say what Amendment 3, as far as dollars, will mean to the district, but there's the opportunity for more money to flow back through the state to fund categorical programs."

Bell was also extremely pleased that Amendment 4 passed because it will give all districts the capability to increase their bond indebtedness to 15 percent of the assessed evaluation.

Along with the amendments, Robert Martin and John Redden were re-elected to the School Board. "We're heading in the right direction. We're addressing the issues we need to be addressing — the facility and our area of technology," Martin said.

Redden wants to make a move ahead and see the completion of several projects.

"What I'm going to push forward in the next three years is getting some buildings completed, projects completed and the general day-to-day business," Redden said.

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really financially set," Cornelison said. "Any opportunity to go to college close to home was some what remote."

Cornelison had some people take a significant interest in him and encouraged him to try and get into the military academy at West Point Academy in New York.

He applied to West Point and was accepted in the summer of 1965. Cornelison did not intend to make a career in the military, but he had to fulfill a five-year service obligation for receiving an education.

"So I went into it with an open mind of, 'well, we'll see what happens,'" Cornelison said.

Cornelison graduated from West Point in the top 10 percent of his class in 1969.

Soon after, Cornelison volunteered in Vietnam where he served for one year. As the United States was beginning to withdraw troops, Cornelison was given the opportunity to return to the states with his unit or be reassigned elsewhere in Vietnam. He chose to volunteer for an additional six months.

Cornelison, whose poems from Vietnam adorn the walls of his parents' home, said the Vietnam experience was different for everyone.

"I was blessed in the sense that I had a fair number of close calls, but I survived without any physical or emotional injuries," Cornelison said.

As his five-year obligation came to an end, Cornelison did not want to stay in field artillery, but he had taken interest in the field of law.

At that time, the military offered programs that sent officers back to earn degrees in subjects such as medicine, English, history and chemistry. Unfortunately, there was not a program for an advanced law degree.

Cornelison decided he was going to leave the military and attend law school. Coincidentally, during his preparation, Congress passed a law that allowed services to send 25 officers to law school on a fully-funded basis.

Cornelison was sent to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and graduated in 1977.

He spent one more year at Georgetown with the army's permission as a clerk to the judge in the federal district court. He was transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corp for three years of law school.

"By that time, I had served close to 15 years of service," Cornelison said. "It didn't make sense, but I still liked the army. It doesn't make sense now. I ended up staying in it for a full career."

Soon Cornelison's career took him to Panama in 1985 as the senior law-

yer for the army.

He fell in love and was married in Panama. Cornelison and his wife, Ella Carter Cornelison, met on a blind date. At the time, she was working for the Panama Canal Commission and she had been the executive secretary to the administrator for the canal.

Cornelison returned to the United States in 1989. His wife took an early retirement to return back to Washington D.C. with him, where they lived for about six years.

Cornelison was deciding what to do during the remainder of his professional life when he heard the job of deputy administrator was opening.

Cornelison became interested in the job. The couple knew many people in Panama and his wife had worked closely with the office. The chairman of the board of directors was also a West Point graduate.

"(The chairman) said to stay in touch and then, out of the blue six-to-nine months later, I got a call saying that the deputy administrator in Panama was retiring and asked if I was interested in going down to Panama," Cornelison said.

Cornelison and his wife decided to make the move. Although, it wasn't quite that simple.

The deputy position was a presidential appointment. The chairman of the board was interested if Cornelison

wanted the position, but he had to go to the White House and get an endorsement from the office of presidential personnel and ultimately the approval of President Clinton.

"We weren't sure if we could do that because I, in the course of a military career, hadn't been involved in politics at all," Cornelison said.

Letters were written in support of Cornelison's appointment and the approval was made.

He retired from the military in June 1995 and moved with his wife to Panama in July. He was sworn in as deputy administrator July 12.

During the presidency of Jimmy Carter, the decision was made to give the canal to its native country.

The Carter-Torrijos Treaty was signed on Sept. 7, 1977, and it called for a 20-year transition period.

When the canal is turned over to Panama, Cornelison's position as deputy administrator of the U.S. Government Agency will end.

"It's a little early to know what's going to happen at that point," Cornelison said.

Most likely, a Panamanian will become deputy administrator and Cornelison will stay on to close out U.S. responsibilities.

"Then, we'll see what the good Lord has in store for us," Cornelison said.

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Public Safety

March 30

■ An officer took a report of gates at Mozingo being damaged. It appeared that someone had driven through them destroying them and damaging the corner posts and wire.

March 31

■ An officer served a warrant for failure to appear to Demetrius G. Yarbrough, 23, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Erin K. Moore's vehicle was hit while parked in the 300 block of North Main Street by an unidentified driver.

April 1

■ Shelbi J. Nelson, Maryville, was backing from a driveway and struck the vehicle of Kristy M. Taylor, Maryville. Nelson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer took a report of a fe-

male failing to stop for a school bus stop sign while it was unloading at the intersection of Second and Davis streets.

■ An officer served a warrant for driving with a suspended license to Jason T. Growcock, 25, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Katrina M. Rader was backing from a driveway and struck the vehicle of Jon P. Mitchell. Rader was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Earnest E. Collins Jr., Maryville, was stopped next to Bradley J. Nielson, Maryville, at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets. When the light turned green, Collins turned right and Nielson turned right and struck Collins. No citations were issued.

■ Shane M. Hilton, Maryville, was issued a summons for allowing a dog to run at large.

April 2

■ Ray Guilford, Salisbury, was doing work at T&T Car Wash. He attempted to pull forward and ran over

the right leg of Samuel Guth, who was lying on the ground doing some work. Guth was transported to St. Francis Hospital. No citations were issued.

April 3

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 300 block of North Main Street, the rear tailgate received a dent in it.

■ Gary L. Proffit, Maryville, had his vehicle hit by an unidentified driver in the Bearcat Lanes parking lot.

■ Laura M. Ward, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign and proceeded into the intersection of Buchanan and Second streets. Ward's vehicle was struck by Heather K. Lutz, Lee's Summit, who was northbound on Buchanan Street. Ward was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Fire units responded to a garage fire north of Maryville. Upon arrival, the owner had the fire under control. The cause was determined to be from a piece of plastic, which was hanging from the ceiling, touching a stovepipe. The heaviest fire damage was in the northeast corner with

damage to several tools and equipment. The rest of the structure suffered from minor smoke and fire damage.

April 4

■ A Maryville male reported that the front window and front door window at his residence in the 500 block of Prather Avenue was damaged.

■ An officer was on patrol in the 500 block of West Edwards Street when he observed a male subject holding a bottle. The officer observed the subject hiding the bottle. The subject was identified as Anders J. Lindburg, 20, Lincoln, Neb. After it was determined that the bottle contained an alcoholic beverage, Lindburg was issued a summons for minor in possession and released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 600 block of East Third Street, the passenger side mirror had been broken.

■ An officer issued a summons to Randy L. Mires, 21, Maryville, for assault following an incident in the

1300 block of South Main Street.

■ A Maryville female reported that someone had written a phrase on the side of her residence with what appeared to be mud.

April 5

■ A summons was issued to Michael R. Simpson, 32, Maryville, for assault and property damage. This followed an incident in which another male subject was kicked and windows were broken at a residence in the 100 block of North Water Street.

■ An officer served a warrant for failure to appear to Sara R. Midyett, 21, St. Joseph. She was released after posting bond.

■ Jamie R. Schroeder, Maryville, had her vehicle hit by an unidentified driver in the Rosewood Apartment parking lot.

April 6

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 1500 block of South Munn Street.

■ An officer took a report that a 7-year-old Maryville male had been

bitten by a dog in the 300 block of North Vine Street. The dog was taken in for observation.

■ An officer served a warrant on Nathaniel S. Rude, 21, Parkville. He is being held for bond.

■ Kelly M. McElfresh, Hopkins, struck the vehicle of Elaine T. Miller, Maryville, causing Miller's vehicle to strike Victoria L. Shipley, Burlington Junction. McElfresh was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

April 7

■ An officer in the 1100 block of North Main Street observed a vehicle pull from a parking lot and accelerate excessively. The driver was identified as Robert G. Ross III, 21, Maryville. While talking with Ross, the officer detected an odor of intoxicants. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol level tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Whistle while you walk



The Panhellenic Council sponsored an Alzheimer's walk Tuesday at the Maryville Health Center. (Left to right) Dean Davis, Kit Morgan, Ruth Walkup and Erin Mowery reminisce outside. It's a time for the young and old to come together and stimulate lost memories.

Obituaries

Thelma Cross

Thelma T. Cross, 98, Hopkins, died March 24 at the Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 8, 1900, to William and Annabelle Breezley in Yorktown, Iowa.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice O'Riley and Carole Davison; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were March 26 at the Wray United Methodist Church in Hopkins.

Ruby Martin

Ruby Brown Martin, 80, Hopkins, died March 24 at her home.

She was born March 12, 1918, in Blanchard, Iowa.

Survivors include four daughters, Lucille DeLap, Eloise Liles, Sharon Wells and Eileen Martin; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five sisters.

Graveside services were March 28 at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Allene Wilkinson

Allene S. Wilkinson, 75, Maryville, died March 24 at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born Aug. 27, 1922, to Jessie and Wesley Spradlin in Burnside, Ky.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Jane Hagan; three grandchildren; and three sisters.

Services were March 26 at the First Christian Church in Maryville.

Emma Powell

Emma Powell, 92, Ravenwood, died March 27 at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 26, 1906, to Lorena and Thomas Freeman in Maryville.

Survivors include two daughters, Cleola Brandt and Shirley Vulgamott; two sons, Loyd and Kenny; and eight grandsons.

Services were March 31 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Laura Schieber

Laura Isabelle Schieber, 75, Conception Junction, died March 28 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 2, 1917, to Emma and Bernard Eickholt in Ravenwood.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Fennell, Ruth Kemper and Mary Jo; five sons, Richard, William, Phillip, Stephen and Mark; 21 grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were March 31 at the St.

Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction.

Crystal Long

Crystal Charlene Long, 76, St. Joseph, died March 30 at Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph.

She was born April 18, 1921, to Loron and Crystal Long in Ravenwood.

Survivors include three nephews and two nieces.

Services were last Friday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville.

Leonard Still

Leonard Eugene Still, 38, Ingram, Texas, died April 3 at his home.

He was born July 6, 1959, to Helen and Leonard Still, in Maryville.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; one son, Michael; four daughters, Savannah, April, Chelsea and Katie Graham; two sisters; and his mother.

Graveside services were Wednesday at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Maryville.

New Arrivals

Megan Marie Winghart

Tom and Kathy Winghart, Maryville, are the parents of Megan Marie, born March 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds. Grandparents are Myron and Mary Solberg, Waupaca, Wisc.; and George Winghart, Mequon, Wisc.

Dulanie Jade Abplanalp

Ben and Brenda Abplanalp, Hopkins, are the parents of Dulanie Jade, born March 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds. Grandparents are Richard and Rosa Williams, Grant City; Nick and Brenda Abplanalp, Denver; and Ron and Onedia Wolverton, Hopkins.

Lauren Allewe Martin

Doug and Evilyn Martin, Maryville, are the parents of Lauren Allewe, born March 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother.

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Softball prepares for Griffons

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

MIAA competition is on the minds of the softball players, as they face conference rival Missouri Western State College today at home.

The last time the 'Cats took on the Griffons, they split a doubleheader. Head coach Pam Knox said this matchup should be a test of their improvement.

"If we keep our focus, we could come out 2-0," Knox said. "We still haven't played our best softball yet. These will be tough games for us, but the great thing is that we will be at home. We will try to make the best of having home-field advantage."

First baseman Sue-ann Zeiger also has high hopes for the games against Missouri Western.

"I hope the weather clears up," Zeiger said. "We are ready to play. I know we can beat them; we just need to stay focused. We must play at the level we are capable of at every game if we are going to do well in conference."

The squad goes into the game with the Griffons carrying a 17-10 overall record, 5-3 in MIAA action and several injuries.

Shortstop Sara Moss is out after re-injuring her shoulder, while Marta Hayes is also nursing a shoulder injury. Catcher Karla Stoll is out with a bruised leg and starting right fielder Erica Pfeifer is out with a sprained ankle after Saturday's games.

The 'Cats were supposed to take on Emporia State University Tuesday, but the games were postponed because of rain. The doubleheader was rescheduled for 2 p.m. April 16 at Emporia.

Contributing to the 'Cats' strong record was the team's split Sunday against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The women knocked off the Miners in the first game with a 9-1 shellacking.

The 'Cats' effort began in the second inning as outfielder Darcie Heitschmidt launched a two-run



Michelle Hibbs steps to the plate and takes a ball in Saturday's game against Lincoln University. The 'Cats won the doubleheader 7-2 and 15-4. Hibbs was 2 for 4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

home run that put the team up 2-1. The Bearcats sent 12 batters to the plate in the third inning, scoring seven runs on four hits and one error, locking up the victory. Zeiger drove in two runs in the inning.

Pitcher Carrie Ledesma gave up just one run while allowing only five hits, notching the win.

In game two, the tables were turned. The 'Cats were down 2-1 after two but came back with RBI's by Moss and second baseman Lindy Tomlinson. The 'Cats were up 4-2 after Zeiger added a two-out RBI single in the top of the seventh.

However, the women could not hold on, and the Miners came back to score three in the bottom of the seventh, to win 5-4.

"We had no business losing to Rolla — it was a total lack of focus," Knox said. "We just weren't doing things. We were striking out, swinging at bad pitches. Communication

fell down and we were throwing to the wrong bag. We totally went dead. We weren't excited, our bench was quiet and we were making poor decisions, and they took advantage of it. I hope this is a learning experience for us. It should never happen again."

The women swept Lincoln University the day before, 7-2 and 15-4.

In game one, outfielder Michelle Hibbs led the team with a three-run home run that thrust the team into the lead 3-2 in the bottom of the second inning. Catcher Melissa Angel knocked in another run for the 'Cats in the inning making it 4-2.

The 'Cats never relented and took the game 7-2.

Outfielder Kendra Smith and Moss contributed two hits each to the effort as well.

Michele Ansley picked up the victory for the 'Cats on the mound.

In game two of the doubleheader,

Northwest tallied 15 runs and 12 hits in just five innings to pummel the Lady Tigers 15-4.

The women took an early 6-0 lead before allowing three runs in the top of the third. The Bearcats then answered back with four runs in the bottom of the third.

The team tacked on five more in the fifth, extending the lead to 15-3. Lincoln scored just one more run in the fifth, finishing off the 15-4 victory.

Smith led the 'Cats offensively scoring four runs, while outfielder Marcy Ruckman and second baseman Shannon Brennan each drove in three.

Pitcher Andrea Kearns struck out five and gave up just one earned run en route to notching the victory.

"We still haven't put everything together and played our best softball yet," Knox said. "The day we do that, no one will be able to touch us."

Rain delay

'Cats postpone game, stand at 13-10 overall

■ Injuries plague team, weather delays matchup

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

Another cancellation for the Northwest baseball team Wednesday may help it overcome some recent injuries.

The 'Cats were scheduled to play Lincoln University, but the contest was canceled because of rain. They are 13-10 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

Senior pitcher Mike Hollister (4-1) separated his right shoulder Monday diving for a ball in practice.

Hollister's injury came in addition to those of junior catcher Rusty Lashley, who is out with a leg injury; and junior centerfielder Keon Patton, who is suffering from a sore shoulder.

Lashley and Patton are both starters. Patton has led the 'Cats offense this season with a .354 batting average and leads the MIAA in steals.

"(Patton's injury) takes some speed away from us, and it keeps us from scoring some runs," said Troy Gerlach, junior third baseman.

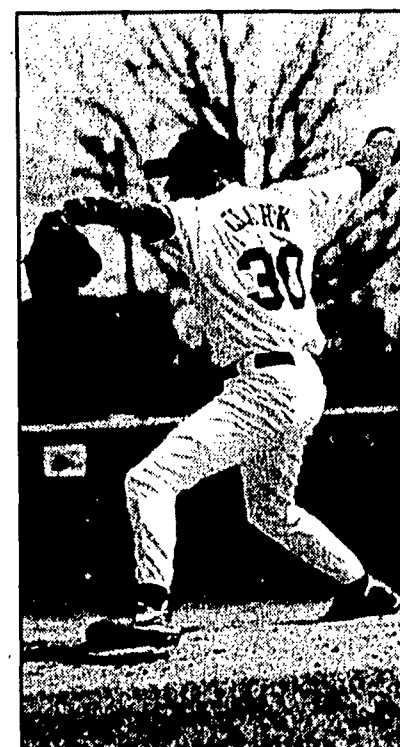
Overall, Coach Jim Johnson is pleased with what his team has accomplished this far in the season.

"Our pitching has been really good and our ERA is respectable," Johnson said. "Defense is playing well, although the outfield has been shaky and some players have been moved around."

Although, the 'Cats need to improve their offense, Johnson said. The team is batting .291 and averaging four runs a game.

"We're hitting well with nobody on base, but we're not hitting well with runners in scoring position," Johnson said. "We're just not scoring a lot of runs."

What the 'Cats do have going for them is their ability to come back in



Amy Roh/Staff Photographer

Pitcher Doug Clark releases the ball toward the batter in Saturday's doubleheader against Emporia State.

late innings or a tough loss with a constant effort, Johnson said.

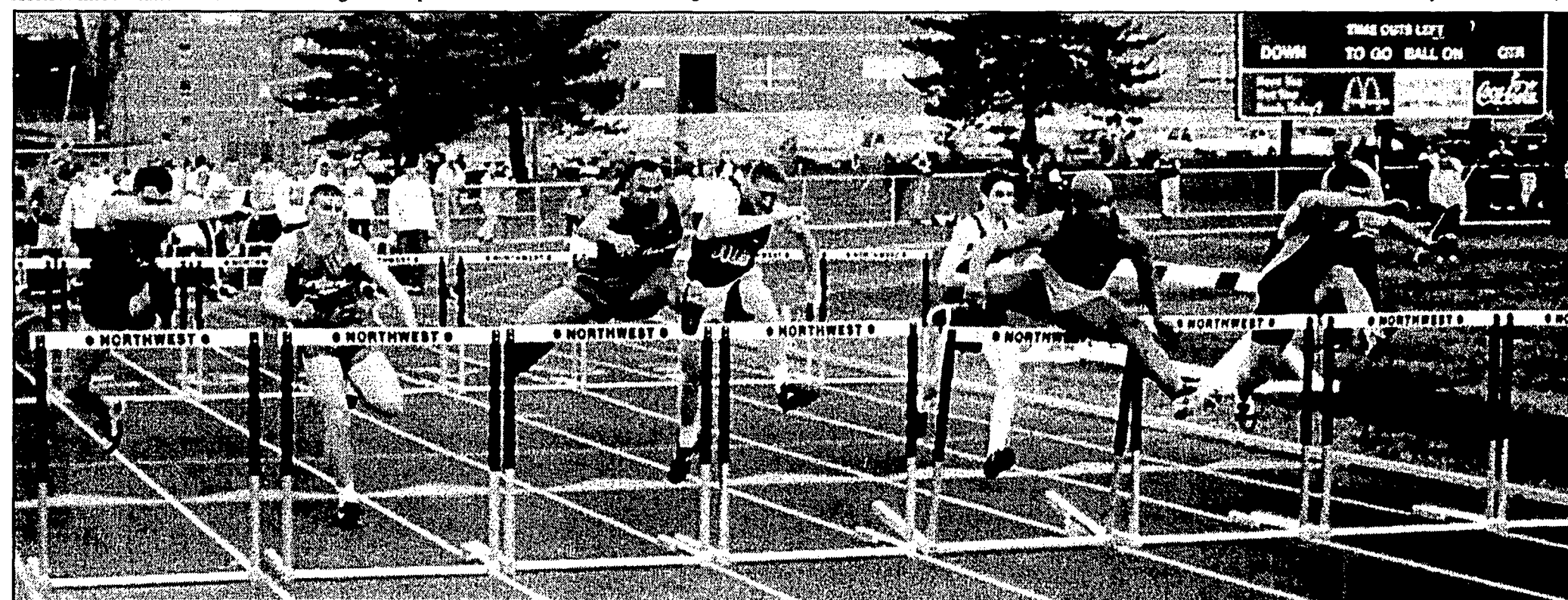
Emporia State beat Northwest in the opening game of the three-game series, 18-6, but Northwest came back and took two games from the Hornets, 3-1 and 7-5, on March 29.

The 'Cats also took a beating from Missouri Western State College in the first half of a doubleheader Saturday, 16-4. Then they came back in the nightcap to pull out a 3-2 win.

Northwest's season begins to wind down as they travel to Truman State this weekend for a three-game series.

The 'Cats are in fifth place in the MIAA and are confident that they have a good chance of winning a lot of games down the stretch.

"We're in good position," Johnson said. "Anything can happen."



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Freshmen Ryan Best and Jason Greer (second and third from left) run in the second heat of the 110-meter hurdles Saturday at the Northwest Invitational. Greer placed sixth in the event. The men's team placed second in the meet, its first of the outdoor season. The 'Cats won on the women's side. The Bearcats will compete at Emporia State Saturday.

Women win Invitational, men finish second

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

The men's and women's track teams jumped out of the starting blocks Saturday and left the competition in the dust as they competed in their first outdoor meet.

The women will try to maintain top form as they take on conference competition at the Division II Challenge at Emporia State University.

Elisa Koch, junior middle-distance runner, said the team should be a strong competitor.

"I think we can win the meet if everybody performs like we did (at home)," Koch said. "Emporia will be our toughest competition at the meet. Hopefully, we will do what we need to do and get it done."

The team goes into the meet on a

high note after the win at home last weekend. The women defeated 18 teams including Division II, III and NAIA competitors at the Northwest Invitational.

"We competed favorably against excellent teams and outstanding athletes," Williams said. "This was our first outdoor meet of the season and indicated some strengths and weaknesses."

Senior Julie Humphreys led the team placing first in the shot put and second in both the hammer and discus. She provisionally qualified for outdoor nationals in all three events.

Junior Brandy Haan took first in the 100-meter dash, provisionally qualifying for nationals, and second in the 200-meter dash just missing the provisional mark.

Sophomore Jill Eppenbaugh also

provisionally qualified for nationals with her second place finish in the hammer throw.

Junior Jacshelle Sasser picked up a first in the triple jump and a second in the high jump. Senior Misty Campbell notched a first-place finish in the javelin, while freshman Diana Hughes finished on top in the long jump.

"We weren't supposed to beat UNO (the University of Nebraska-Omaha), but we pulled through and everybody pulled where they needed to," said Amber Martin, junior middle-distance runner. "For our first meet, we came out well and look good for the season."

Men place second in home meet

The men's team started their season off on the right foot as it finished

second in its first meet of the season.

The team will look to continue that streak as they travel to Emporia State Saturday.

"We are in position to do well, we just need to concentrate on improving ourselves," head coach Rich Alsup said. "If we are going to do well as a team, it's going to take several individuals doing well."

The men go into the meet coming off a second place finish last weekend at the Northwest Invitational.

The men were led by seniors Damon Alsup and Chad Sutton who earned the team's only first-place finishes in the javelin and high jump, respectively.

Sophomore Joe Reichert and freshmen Joe Glab and Tucker Woolsey picked up second, third and fourth in the shot put, respectively.

Reichert also notched a third-place finish in the discus. Junior Robby Lane took second in the 5000-meter run and third in the 1500-meter run, while sophomore Matt Abele placed second in the 200-meter dash.

"We had no idea where we were compared to the other teams," Alsup said. "We had great competition and performances from all of the team. We hung in there and did a good job. We could have done better in some events, but some people jumped out and surprised us. Some of the men ran awfully well and didn't place."

"I think the team did fairly well with the people we had," junior vaulter Tommy Lesley said. "The people we had did really well. We are looking forward to the meets coming up. We should be able to keep up with most of the people we'll face."

Athletic Shorts

Basketball player named all-America

Senior guard Shawn "Shakey" Harrington was named a fourth-team all-America selection by Division II Bulletin, the publication that covers NCAA Division II basketball.

Harrington, a 5-11 point guard, helped lead the Bearcats to the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time since 1989.

Harrington led the MIAA in steals in 1997-98, averaging 2.3 per game. He also ranked second in assists, dishing out 4.6 a contest. He scored

13.3 points per game, 13th in the MIAA and was fifth in free throw percentage, hitting 76.6 percent of his opportunities from the charity stripe.

Earlier this year, Harrington was named Most Valuable Player of the MIAA, first-team all-MIAA and first-team all-Region.

Recreation office supplies information

An information packet for adult summer softball is available at the Maryville Parks and Recreation office.

Registration for summer softball will be April 13 through May 1. The team fee and a minimum of seven player fees with signed contracts are required at that time.

For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Special Olympics offers golf tourney

A golf tournament sponsored by the Maryville Treatment Center and Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron will be May 8 at the

Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

The tournament is part of Missouri's Special Olympics efforts to expand their year-round program to include more eligible participants.

Special Olympics is looking for sponsors for the tournament by the donation of door prizes or monetary sponsors.

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the athletes in the northwest Missouri area.

If you would like more information, have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Mike Gerratono at (660) 582-6542 or Melody Prawitz at (816) 233-6232.

Swim coach needed for summer team

The Maryville Parks and Recreation office is looking for a summer swim team coach.

Applicants must have a background in swimming and coaching.


The swim program lasts six weeks. Practices are from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 1.

There are approximately seven to 10 swim meets per summer and approximately 80 swimmers on the team. Four assistant coaches help with

practices and meets.

Those interested should submit applications to Maryville Parks and Recreation at P.O. Box 438 Maryville, MO 64468.

For additional information contact the office at (660) 562-2923 or fax them at (660) 562-3729.



Time Out
Did you know...

The Kansas City Royals are 16-14 in home openers.

Track squads ready to race

■ **Spoofhounds prepare for bad weather to end, competition to proceed**

by Debbie Lollmann
Missourian Staff

Braving opponents has not been as difficult as braving the weather for the high school track teams.

Both the boys' and girls' teams will play host to five area teams including Albany, Tarkio Academy, West Nodaway, Mound City and Chillicothe at 4 p.m. today.

Mike Thomson, boys' head coach, said today's meet will be a good opportunity to get the team in shape and to work on individual events.

"We have an opportunity to take a good look at the team from Chillicothe," Thomson said. "They are in our conference, and we hope we are able to compete with them."

Thomson believes the team is falling behind with its workouts because of the rain.

The field events are difficult to practice in wet conditions because they are more technique than natural talent, Thomson said.

Conditioning has been a problem as well.

"The team hasn't been able to put its best foot forward, because (the athletes) aren't in shape like they should be right now," Thomson said.

Aside from not having the best weather to practice and compete in,

"They are learning to depend on each other as a team and are building good team chemistry."

■ Mike Thomson,
boys' head coach,
Maryville High School

the Spoofhounds are confident about the season.

"The boys are all pretty close," Thomson said. "They are learning to depend on each other as a team and are building good team chemistry."

The boys travelled to the Nebraska City (Neb.) Invite Tuesday. The 'Hounds took first place in the meet notching 116 total points.

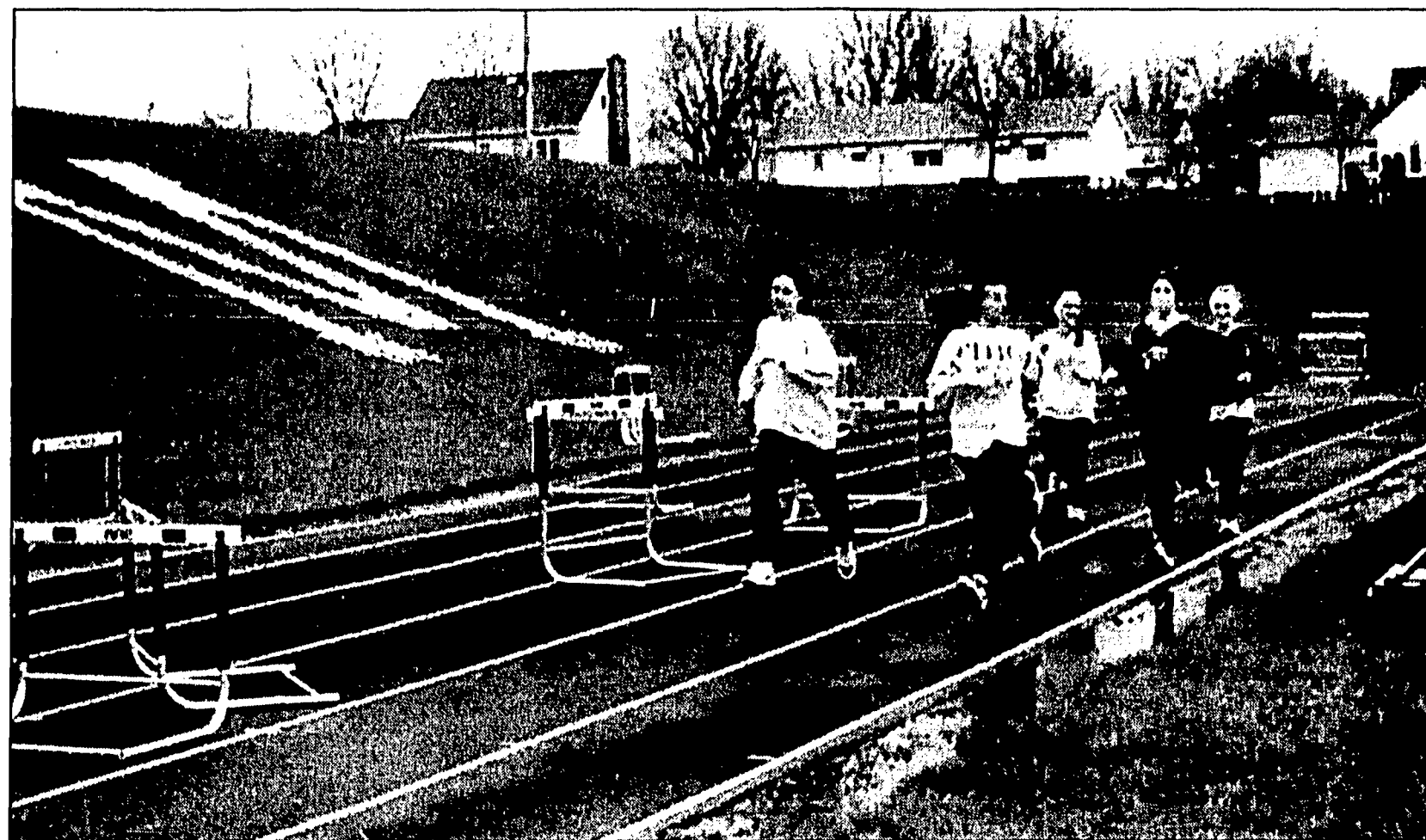
Finishing strong for the 'Hounds in the meet were junior Adam Jones and sophomore Jason Garrett.

Jones finished first and Garrett finished second in the 800-meter hurdles.

In the 110-meter high hurdles, Jones took first and Garrett took second.

Jones and Garrett switched places in the 110-meter high hurdles, Jones took first and Garrett took second.

Junior Adam Otte placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Five members of the Maryville girls' track team brave the rain and cool temperatures Wednesday afternoon to practice events. The girls' team is just one of a number of squads that had meets or games halted because of

53.6 seconds, while junior Mark Slater finished third behind Otte.

Sophomore Pat Jordan was another bright spot for the Spoofhounds in the high jump when he placed second.

"Pat jumped six feet straight out of a huge water puddle," Thomson said.

Although the individual times were slower because of the weather,

the Spoofhounds gained much-needed experience for their future meets, Thomson said.

Girls try to focus on winning

The girls' team has been losing focus because it has not been able to participate in many meets because of the weather, head coach Jeff Martin said.

But the team is excited about the

the rain. Both the boys' and girls' teams will be back in action at 4 p.m. today when the Spoofhounds play host to teams from five other area schools — weather cooperating.

possibility of taking part in this meet and expects to do well.

They are more comfortable at home meets and seem to be relaxed in their events, Martin said.

The home crowd also plays a tremendous part in the team's performance.

"The parents are real supportive, and the team enjoys the student section cheering them on in the home

stretch of their races," Martin said.

The team competed in Chillicothe last Thursday.

The Spoofhounds finished sixth out of 15 teams.

Melissa Meyers won the two-mile run with a time of 12:57. Jill Middleton placed second in the long jump, triple jump and high jump, while senior Abbey Lade placed third in the discus.

Golfers shoot for low scores

by Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

Rainy days continue to plague the Maryville golfers, but they hope to battle the boys from LeBlond.

The team's match is at 4 p.m. at LeBlond. Freshman Matt Van Cleave believes the team can be successful, but it has some kinks to work out of its game.

The Maryville boys' golf team is pumped up for the season and is going to go into every match with an open mind, Van Cleave said.

"I think everyone is satisfied with our game, but we just need more people to put up lower scores," Van Cleave said.

Other than a few flaws, Van

Cleave believes the team should be successful in its match against the Eagles.

"We should be able to beat them but it will be tough because of some changes that we made in our varsity team," Van Cleave said.

The Spoofhounds played Savannah Wednesday after having its first match against the Savages postponed.

The team played at Duncan Hills Golf Course and fell behind three strokes to lose, 166-163.

Three over par was appreciated by senior Jimmy Thompson who led the team through the course finishing with a 38.

Van Cleave finished with a 42 and just behind him was junior Dan Bill-

ings and freshman Nick Thompson, who each scored a 43.

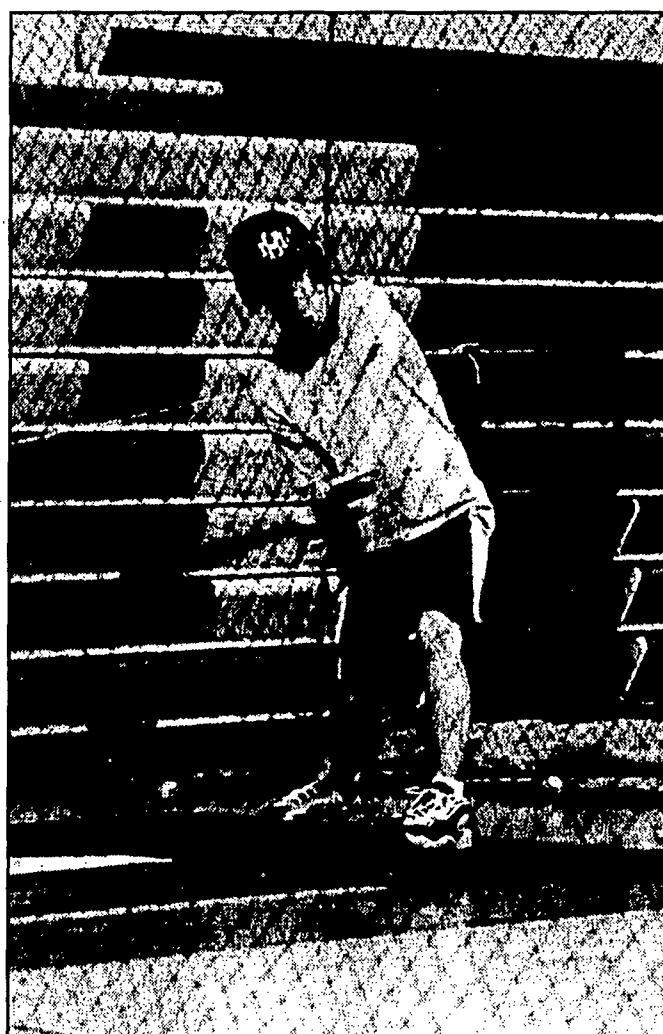
The rain let up long enough for 18 holes to be completed by the team of linksters, giving it time to play in their first tournament.

The team played Saturday in Savannah and finished in fourth place with 324 strokes.

Van Cleave and Jimmy Thompson led the team Tuesday with scores of 80. Nick Thompson, right behind Van Cleave and Thompson, finished with an 81.

The team was upset at its performance but was glad to take fourth place, Van Cleave said.

"I think a lot of us were kind of disappointed because we can all break 80," Van Cleave said.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Sophomore Aaron Jones and the rest of the Spoofhounds took their swings in the gym Wednesday. The team hopes to be outside at 4:30 p.m. today when it battles Cameron.

Baseball team battles weather, improves to 3-0

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Rain, rain go away, come again some other day. Chances are many high school baseball players have been repeating this familiar chant lately.

The Spoofhounds went 1-1 this week — one win, one rainout.

The 'Hounds' 3-0 mark indicates they have no problems trouncing opponents when they get a chance to play.

If practice makes perfect, catcher Russ Wiederholt said Maryville should be close.

"The only time we've even seen the field is during games," Wiederholt said. "I'm impressed and surprised we've done so well."

The Spoofhounds have been on a hitting rampage through their first three games. In the team's most recent win, a 7-2 victory over Lafayette last Thursday, the 'Hounds belted 15 hits.

Head coach Brian Lohafer said he is happy to see his team's offensive power taking shape.

"That's basically all we've been doing," Lohafer said. "What's more surprising is the lack of errors and mistakes."

Lohafer has also been impressed with the performance of Wiederholt behind the plate.

"If you know anything about baseball, you know the catcher is one of the most important positions," Lohafer said. "He's like the quarterback out there."

Maryville's next game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today at Cameron.

Tennis players serve up victories

by Alex Berry
Missourian Staff

Earning another win will be the top priority for the Maryville boys' tennis team today.

The Spoofhounds will attempt to improve on their 1-1 record so far when they face Benton.

The Cardinals will not be the toughest competition of the year, but the dual will help sharpen the team's

individual playing skills, Deno Groumoutis said.

"I am going to try to work on my consistency," Groumoutis said. "I want to make the points last longer and keep my endurance up for the rest of the season."

The weather has kept the players off the practice courts for most of the preseason.

The 'Hounds' match against LeBlond was rained out Tuesday and

had been rescheduled for Wednesday, but was postponed again.

The lack of practice time will force him to change his roster, head coach P.K. Krokstrom said.

"I have been experimenting with the lineup," Krokstrom said. "With the bad weather, it will take awhile to make a definite lineup."

The 'Hounds experienced their first setback Monday with a 5-4 loss against Cameron.

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Lost Innocence

Battle between children, guns leave no winner

by Sarah Phipps

The recent tragedy in Jonesboro, Ark., sparked interest in the availability of firearms to youths.

Government regulations require that a customer must be 21 years old to purchase a handgun and 18 years old to purchase a rifle.

The same age regulations apply to the purchase of bullets for the weapons.

If customers fulfill age requirements, they fill out the 44-73 Federal Firearms

form. The retailer cannot make a gun sale until the customer completes this form.

Wal-Mart is a local retailer that sells firearms to the public.

The average age of a firearm customer is 27 and 34, store manager Lonnie Sheffer said.

Wal-Mart takes extreme precautions when selling weapons, Sheffer said.

"We believe that our standards are pretty high," Sheffer said. "We do more than what the government or state requires us to do just to make sure that we do everything to qualify and stay within our restrictions."

Management must be present when a gun is purchased.

It is also Wal-Mart's policy to take the gun to the customer's car.

The store keeps the firearms locked and all the guns have safety devices on the trigger.

These safety devices remain on the gun until it leaves the store.

The store makes sure the guns are all accounted for weekly and all federal forms are filled out.

Even if all the safety precautions are there, the retailers are not obligated to sell a gun.

"If we don't feel comfortable about the sale of the gun, and if we don't feel the person is in the right state of mind or if we just don't feel good about it, we have that right to refuse the sell of that gun to

anybody," Scheffer said.

The laws for the sale of guns are strict and regulations set by the government must be followed.

If a violation occurs, the government can shut down the store and distribute heavy fines.

The government does not require a retailer to supply safety information before the gun is purchased.

However, in order to obtain a hunting licence, the consumer must take a class in gun and hunting safety.

The Hunting and Fishing Shop in Tarkio does not have a policy of offering extra advice for a younger customer buying a gun.

"We feel that their parents should be able to tell them the right and wrong before they even touch a gun," Melinda Daugherty said.

Organizations such as the National Rifle Association assist parents in training children proper gun safety with a program called "Learn Gun Safety with Eddie Eagle."

The program is split into different grade levels that may be taught from preschool to sixth grade.

NRA developed the program to help prevent the loss of young lives through teaching gun safety. Their motto is "Stop! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."

The Jonesboro killings, where two young boys opened fire on their classmates and teachers, demonstrates that even with strict federal laws, children can still find access to firearms.

John Linebaugh is the owner of Linebaugh Customs Six Guns and also a gun advocate.

He believes the incident in Jonesboro is a tragedy, but tougher regulations will not prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands.

New regulations would only violate citizens' amendment rights, Linebaugh said.

There are numerous other weapons besides firearms which have the potential to cause injury to others such as cars, knives and baseball bats, Linebaugh said.

"It is not about gun control," he said. "It is about people control."

by Ashley Gerken
Missourian Staff

Parents feeling insecure about leaving their children at school has not been a major issue until the recent murders at our elementary and junior high schools. The amount of juvenile crime is on the rise and the number of 13- to 15-year-olds arrested for murder jumped from 390 in 1982 to 740 one decade later. This is a great concern for communities around the nation and has people asking why kids kill.

"Juveniles are like anybody else," said David McLaughlin, political science professor. "If they don't have a solid foundation of standards, a strong self-identity and lack parental structure, there is a chance that child may try to find these things through different means, sometimes ending in a violent act."

Children who have had to deal with broken homes or abuse could be prone to becoming a violent person.

Often times, new students trying to fit into an unfamiliar environment will use threatening tactics against their classmates in attempt to draw attention to themselves. Easy accessibility of guns in many homes and not taking children seriously makes it easy for these threats to become a reality.

Parents and teachers need to be aware of frequent conversation or bragging about guns, threats about hurting or killing people or animals, poor relations with classmates and displaying gang attire.

There are several precautions parents and teachers can do to help prevent children from becoming violent.

"Every adult in the community must take an active role in the children's lives," McLaughlin said. "Children should not be left unattended."

When parents are unable to be there for their children the community must be willing to step in and help out.

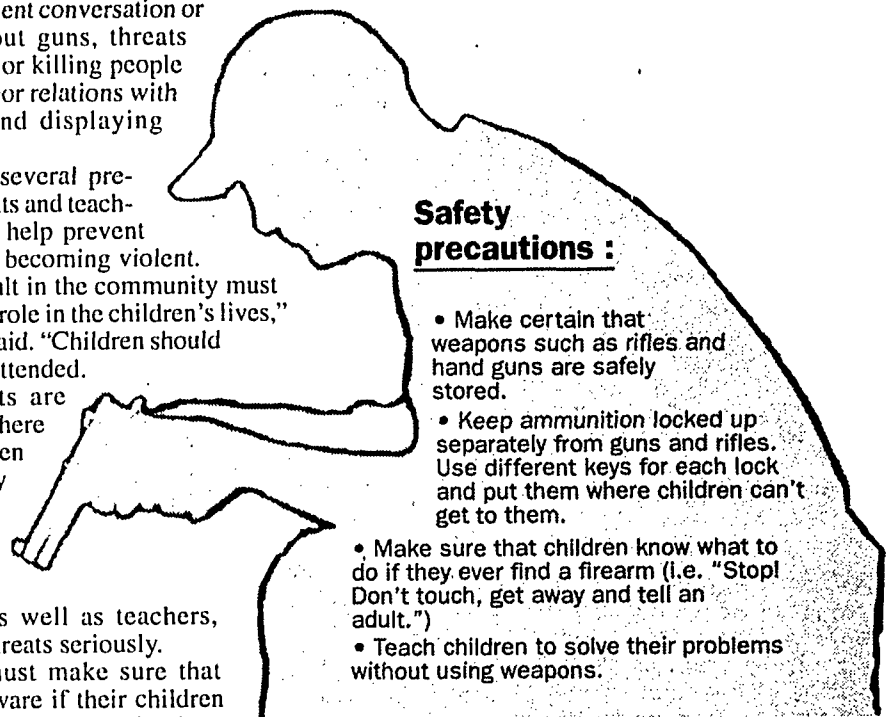
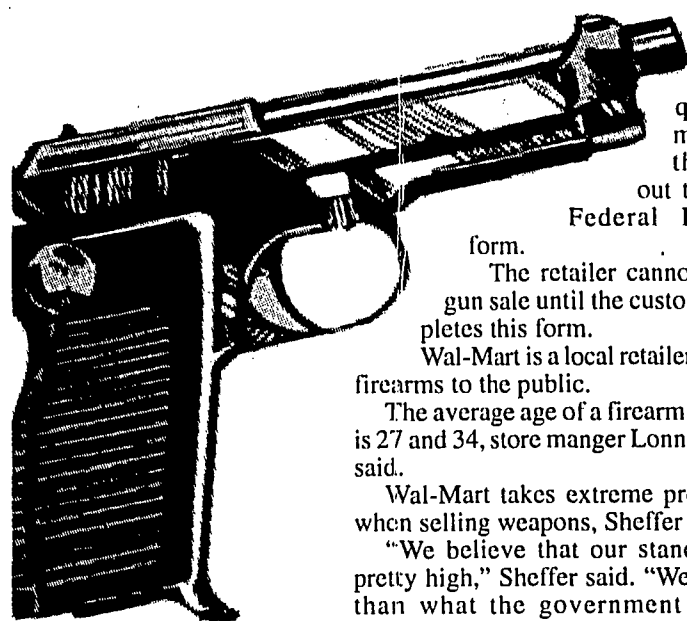
Parents, as well as teachers, should take threats seriously.

Schools must make sure that parents are aware if their children are showing any abnormal behavior and that it could result in violence.

Approaching problems and not letting their children get away with improper behavior without having to face consequences is a recommended step for parents.

The consequences for juvenile delinquents who commit murders are presently not helping with the problem.

"Punishments for juveniles is not a deterrent. It just shows that the general public is scared of children and wants to try and deal with everyone as if they were adults," McLaughlin said. "Locking up children doesn't help solve their problems, it only keeps the community safe until the children are released."



Safety precautions :

- Make certain that weapons such as rifles and hand guns are safely stored.
- Keep ammunition locked up separately from guns and rifles. Use different keys for each lock and put them where children can't get to them.
- Make sure that children know what to do if they ever find a firearm (i.e. "Stop! Don't touch, get away and tell an adult.")
- Teach children to solve their problems without using weapons.

Photo illustration by Darren Papek

Northwest: This Week's For You!

Monday, April 13

8 p.m. Northwest Night of Champions

Location: Bearcat Arena

What: All athletic events will be recognized. Coaches will be invited to brag about their team's accomplishments this season. Intramural event winners will be recognized. The steppers will perform. The Tower Queen crowning will take place. There will be many prizes given out to organizations attending, as well as individuals. KDLX will be on remote broadcast.

Who: All students, faculty and Northwest fans.

Prizes: All prizes will be won by a contest or drawing. Everyone will receive a ticket as they come in the door. No admission fee is charged. You could win any of these items, just for coming!

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9 p.m. Dancin' in the Street

Location: Street front of Fine Arts and Arena

What: Dance, DJ Tyler Mackey (Northwest student)

Who: All students

Prizes: Again, just for coming you could win!

O'Hair tanning certificate

Wal-Mart gift certificate

Sonic certificate

Pagliani's free large pizzas

Pizza Hut free large pizzas

Tuesday, April 14

5:30 p.m. Honors Dinner and recognition

Location: Union Ballroom

What: Program will consist of dinner with background music provided by a jazz trio. (Northwest students) A distinguished alumnus will be presenting a short speech. The Tower service awards will be presented. A new award, the "Northwest Commitment to Quality," will be given for the first time. This will be for one student, support staff, faculty and administrator that exemplifies the characteristics of the Culture of Quality.

Who: (By invitation) Tower service recipients, nominators, the President's cabinet and administrative staff

Wednesday, April 15

11 a.m.-2 p.m. One America Fair

Location: Union

What: President Clinton has announced a nationwide initiative of bridging cultural differences. In support of this we will be sponsoring exhibits from each of the multicultural organizations. They will have displays set up in rooms at the Union. In addition to these exhibits, these organizations will be compiling a booklet to give to the students at Horace Mann. The booklet will consist of a children's story from each culture. The front of the booklet will be selected in a contest of student's designs from Horace Mann.

Who: All Northwest students, Horace Mann students

7:30 p.m. Big Man on Campus

Location: Charles Johnson Theater

What: This is an annual event sponsored by Delta Zeta.

Who: All

Thursday, April 16

1-7 p.m. Carnival

Location: Bell Tower lawn area (rain location is the Armory)

What: Attractions will be virtual reality roller coaster and a bungee bull. A wax hand booth will also be provided. All organizations are being asked to sponsor booths and games at the carnival.

Who: All

8 p.m. 3 PC Suit Concert

Location: Bell Tower lawn area (rain location is Bearcat Arena)

What: Performance by a trio of Northwest alumni that began their career in pop music at NWMSU.

Who: All

Prizes: Given away as a thank you for attending!

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The Stroller

Your Man takes stab at dating



The Stroller

Weekly Wanderer offers advice about what to do on a first date

Your Man planned to use this space for a definitive column on the president's legal troubles — "Bill Clinton: No hope, no pants."

However, some judge decided it was OK for "Slick Willy" to drop his pants. The judge just wished that, like everyone else in Arkansas, he did it in front of a family member.

Now that spring is in full force, hormones are as jumpy as the administration after they tried to hire some guy with sexual misconduct against him. This leaves me with only one question.

Who is doing the hiring at Northwest? Sixty applicants to choose from and they hire the alleged sexual deviant. Seriously, they do a better background check when you order food for delivery. It is too bad O.J. Simpson is still looking for the real killers, or he could get a job teaching ethics here.

Your Man promises he will not say another word about that situation. This week's column Your Man will discuss dating. It's tricky. You'll have to toughen up and work on your game, but you can all do it.

If you already have a significant other, dump them. You can do better than that, can't you? Some of you can't, but the dating pool will greatly increase if everyone dumps the one they love.

The first lesson is how to find someone you are interested in. This should be easy on a college campus. Never again will you be surrounded by 3,000 members of the opposite sex all about your same age. Same age means professors and administrators do not count, however, graduate students make a lovely addition to any home.

There are some guidelines to follow. Don't set your standards too high — look in the mirror and go from there. Be honest. No one is perfect, with the exception of Delta Chis who apparently are chisled to perfection according to a T-shirt one of them was wearing.

Also, do not fall so madly in love with this person that you are picking your children's names before you have even met them. In fact, even if you are a couple never discuss this. Unless one of you is pregnant, then it will be necessary.

It's possible that you may not be able to complete the first phase. If that is the case, there are several answers to what is wrong with you.

You may be a) spending too much time in front of the computer, b) lacking in personal hygiene or c) a complete failure destined to spend the rest of your life alone.

If the latter is the case, seek out an accounting major. They are just what you need — desperate number crunchers who have no people skills.

Although it is not enough to stop there. You must get their attention. Some people send flowers, others wait until they are drunk and make a fool of themselves thus moving ever closer to dating an accounting major.

Some of the smarter people set up chance meetings that they can chalk up to fate. Others expect this person to suddenly come up and ask you out.

In that first conversation find out their interests, talk about them, not about how drunk you got last weekend. Ask them to dance — if you can dance. Swaying back and forth is not dancing, but rather an indicator that you have no rhythm.

Where to take them on that first date is very important. The first date leaves a lasting impression. While McDonald's is inexpensive, a Big Mac is not going to score high on the good impression meter (even if you super size it). A & G's Bar and Grill is an ideal place to take them.

Of course, you could always cook for them. I do not mean the microwave pizza and macaroni and cheese dinner that you normally cook, but something special. They will be impressed, assuming you do not fill the house with smoke or dump scalding hot water on yourself.

If this date goes well, you are on your own — Your Man has never passed this part of the mission. If this first date does not go so well, never fear. Like the stars in the sky, you can always find another one. Plus, accounting majors can be helpful come tax time.

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the *Missourian*.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1. Flop
5. Impostor
9. Enclosed parts of trucks
13. Lana of Superboy comics
14. Adams of cigar-selling
15. Rapids craft
16. Alcohol lamp
17. Apple spoiler
18. Seek penance
19. Becker boomer
20. Fibbing
22. Sparks or Beatty
23. Foxy

27. Hop (2 words)
29. Q-Tips, e.g.
32. Type of sheep
36. Clarify
40. Sleek snake
41. Be A Woman (2 words)
42. Laziness
44. Get Around Much Anymore
45. Succumbs to stress
47. News item identifiers

49. Plato's birthplace
51. Kite claw
52. Kind of vaccine
54. Polytheists
58. Soft shoe
61. Actor O'Neal and others
64. Rock's Steely
65. Greek salad ingredient
67. First independent Communist leader
69. Writer Wiesel

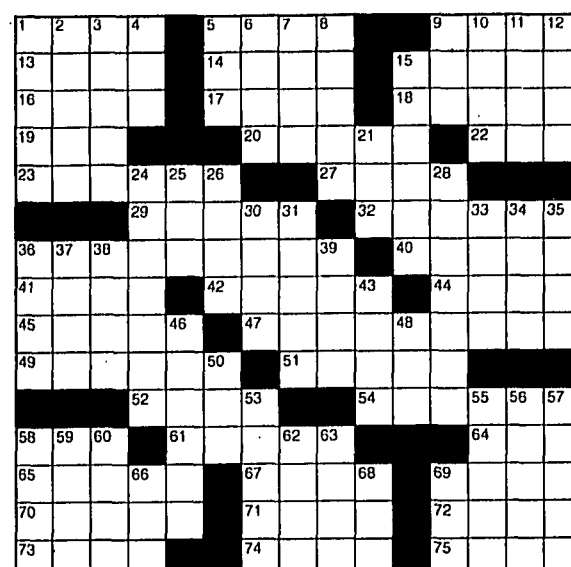
70. Thin wood strips
71. Author of A Chapter On Ears
72. Rescue
73. Distorts facts
74. Slave
75. Seaside structure

DOWN

1. Greyhound riders
2. "Crosspatch, draw the ..."
3. Kind of tube
4. Links group: abbr.
5. Jazzman Tabackin
6. Rock star, often
7. Breezy
8. Pay
9. Ocelot, e.g.
10. Before long
11. Thing to pick in an argument
12. Oyster
15. More cautious
21. de plume
24. Houdini specialties
25. Doughboys' battle inits.
26. Fathers
28. Type of post

Answers to last issue's puzzle

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30. Like Ionesco's soprano
31. Summer ermine
33. Church art
34. Goose that frequents crosswords
35. Morsels
36. Columnist-hostess Maxwell
37. Period after Mardi Gras
38. Mormon state
39. Kett
43. Respond to an SOS
46. Small drums
48. Haitian deity
50. Vulpine
53. Chopin and Smith
55. Ike's opponent
56. Ingenious
57. Expression of mockery
58. Weather vane for a politician
59. Jai
60. Point out
62. Where crocodiles bask
63. Blender button
66. Type of cassette
68. One lacking grace
69. Geller's gift: abbr.

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June 6 — Pridefest '98, Bartle Hall.

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April 11 — Sarah McLachlan, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 19 — Alabama, AKSABen Coliseum.
April 21 — Urge, Ranch Bowl.
April 26 — Tone Loc, Ranch Bowl.
May 2 — Holly Cole, Ranch Bowl.
April 23 — Saviour, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

April 9 — Kinleys, Supertoad.
April 10-11 — Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, Des Moines Convention Center.
April 10-12 — "Sesame Street Live," Civic Center.
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